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THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship "CASHMERE," 1,082 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander F. CUTTUS, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 30th May 1874, at 4 P.M.

	May 1874.		May 1874.
Leaves BOMBAY	16	Leaves Tuticorin	24
,, Ratnagherry	17	,, Colombo	25
,, Vingorla	17	,, Galle	26
,, Goa	18	,, Negapatam	29
,, Carwar	19	,, Pondicherry	30
,, Mangalore	19		June
,, Cannanore	20	,, Madras	1
,, Tellicherry	20	,, Coconada	3
,, Calicut	21	,, Vizagapatam	4
,, Beypore	21	,, Bimlipatam	4
,, Narrykal	22	,, Gopanlpore	5
,, Cochin	22	,, False Point	6
,, Alleppy	22	Arrives at CALCUTTA	8

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked by the Steamers on this line hence or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle to the Messageries Maritime Company's Steamers, which run regularly.

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W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

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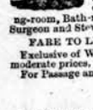

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The s.s. PENANG, 698 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander W. STEWART, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 8th May 1874, at 2 P.M.

	May 1874.		May 1874.
Leave BOMBAY	8	Leave BUSREH	27
Kurrachee	12	Mahomerah	27
Gwadur	13	Fao	27
Muscat	15	Bushire	29
Bunder Abbas	17	Bahrein	30
Lingah	18	Lingah	June 1
Bunder Abbas	19	Muscat	3
Muscat	21	Gwadur	6
Gwadur	22	Kurrachee	10
Kurrachee	23	Arrive BOMBAY	13

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, will during the fair Season despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock.

The Steam-ship PENANG, 698 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander W. STEWART, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 8th May 1874, at 2 P.M.

The s.s. KURRACHEE, 510 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander C. D. HUTCHESON, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 15th May 1874, at 2 P.M.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

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To leave about 23rd May.

THE s.s. PALERMO, 1230 Tons Register, has excellent accommodation for a limited number of First-class Passengers, and carries a Surgeon and Stewardess.

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Exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board.

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Bombay, 24th April 1874.

FOR LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(To Leave about 23rd May.)

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Bombay, 21st April 1874.

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ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. BUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE GENOA, and BOMBAY on the 24th, and on the 1st *of each month.*

PASSENGERS RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
To Aden	£22	£15	£4	Including Wines. Without food.
Suez	36	22	8	
Port Said	38	24	9	
Alexandria	39	25	9-10	
Messina	50	34	14	
Naples	50	34	14	
Leghorn	50	34	14	
Genoa	50	34	14	
Marseilles (transhipment at Genoa)	52	35	14-10	

Children under 3 years, free of charge. Children not above 10 years, half fare.

NEXT STEAMER FROM BOMBAY :—

"INDIA," to sail on MONDAY, 1st June 1874.

"PERSIA," to sail on WEDNESDAY, 1st July 1874.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c, apply to

C. GEONDONA,

Agent Rubattino Steam Navigation Company,

No. 9 Hummum Street.

Bombay, 1st January 1874.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per s.s. ITHURIEL, arrived from Glasgow and Falmouth, are requested to SEND their BILLS of LADING and DELIVERY ORDERS for our inspection and countersignature, and to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS from the Bunders.

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Agents, s.s. Ithuriel.

Bombay, 3rd May 1874.

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Silver Spoons and Forks, Fiddle Pattern,	s. d.	£ s. d.
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QUEEN'S PATTERN,		
12 Table Spoons	40 ozs. at 6 0	12 0 0
12 Dessert ditto	25 ,, at 6 0	7 10 0
12 Table Forks	40 ,, at 6 0	12 0 0
12 Dessert ditto	25 ,, at 6 0	7 10 0
2 Gravy Spoons	12 ,, at 6 0	3 12 0
1 Soup Ladle	11 ,, at 6 0	3 6 0
4 Sauce ditto	12 ,, at 6 0	3 16 0
4 Salt Spoons	8 ,,	2 2 0
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SHIPPING.

VIA SUEZ CANAL.

On Monday, the 11th May, 1874, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O Co.'s S. S. INDUS, (3,478 Tons, and 500 H.P.,) Captain W. BARRATT, will LEAVE for Southampton, as above, carrying H. M.'s MAILS, and Passengers and CARGO for that Port, Suez, Brindisi, Venice, Marseilles, &c.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal, in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Cargo for Liverpool will be forwarded either direct or by Steamer to London or Southampton, and thence by rail or steamer.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon, at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

F. D. PARKER,
Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 4th May 1874.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Monday, the 18th May 1874, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. VENETIA, (2,726 tons and 450 H.P.,) Captain W. C. ANSON, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before noon, on Friday, the 15th May.

F. D. PARKER, Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 4th May 1874.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

SUEZ CANAL ROUTE.

It is intended to despatch the following Steamers from Bombay, direct through the Suez Canal.

FOR SOUTHAMPTON.

INDUS..... 3,473 TONS 500 H.P., on the 11th May, 1874 at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

FOR LONDON.

CHINA..... 2,010 TONS 400 H.P., to sail in the last week in May.

PASSAGE MONEY.

First Class..... Rs. 660
Second Class..... Rs. 360

For further particulars apply to

F. PARKER, Acti g Superintendent.

Bombay, 3 Rampart Row.

STEAMER TO ZANZIBAR VIA ADEN.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company's Steam Ship EUPHRATES, 803 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander J. MELVILLE, will be despatched to Zanzibar vi Aden, on FRIDAY, the 8th May 1874, at 4 o'clock P.M.

For Freight, Passage, &c., apply to

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BOMONJEE DOSSABHOY, AUCTIONEER,

No. 6, FORBES STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY AT MAHIM AND COLABA.

BOMANJEE DOSSABHOY will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, at 4 o'clock P.M., by order of the Mortgagees and on account and for behoof of Dunshaw Pandoonag Joobkebar, the three Lots of undermentioned :—

Lot 1.

On MONDAY, the 18th instant, at 4 o'clock P.M., on the premises, all that piece or parcel of land or cort of cocoanut and other trees growing thereon, called or known, under the name of Wejam Agerco of two wheels, together with a bungalow and range of buildings built standing thereon, situate in the Mahim wood, in the Island of Bombay, in the sub-district of Mazagon, which said cort is registered by the Collector of Land Revenue, under Nos. 208, and 214 and contains by admeasurement 4 acres 3 gunte or thereabouts, and is bounded as follows :—that is to say, on the east by the cort of Chundroo, on the west partly by the cort of Narayen Ramchundur, an partly by a passage, on the north by the cort of the late Elias de Charga, and partly by a passage, and on or towards the south by a public passage. The Bungalow is assessed by the Collector of Municipality under No. 676, and the said chawl is assessed under No. 690.

Lot 2.

On TUESDAY, the 19th instant, at 4 o'clock P.M., on the premises, all that piece or parcel of land or cort of cocoanut and other trees growing thereon, called or known under the name of Waeleo Foolvirh of cocoanut wood together with a range of buildings built and standing thereon, situate in the Mahim wood in the Island of Bombay, in the sub-district of Mazagon, which said land or cort is registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 545 and contains by admeasurement 1813 square yards or thereabouts, and is bounded on the east by the cort of the late Cassimali Dumooer, on the west and south by the cort of Balajee Burdeer, and on the north by a public passage, and which said chawl of buildings is assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 746.

Lot 3.

On WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant, at 4 o'clock P.M., on the premises, all that messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house and premises, standing and built on the Fazendaree ground of Jamsetjee Bullajee best, situated at Old Women's Island Colewady, Colaba, in the sub-district of Fort and Colaba, in the Island of Bombay, the fazendaree ground containing by admeasurement 69×9 square yards and the dwelling-house and premises are bounded on the east by public passage, and the property of Bapooje Ballajee Chudgery, on the west by public passage, and the property of Thacker Doongersey Veneey, on the north by the Jehangeer Lane, and on the south by the Kduljee Nowrojee Road, and areassessed by the Collector of Municipality under No. 21.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to the Undersigned.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on MONDAY, the 1st day of June 1874, Mr. BOMONJEE DOSSABHOY, Auctioneer, will sell by Public Auction at 4 o'clock P.M., on the premises, the very valuable property situate at Bhooleshwar, hereinafter described under instructions from Anpoornabai, widow of the late Bhawoo Canoba, the mortgegee, and on account and risk of Brijvullubdas Jugjeevandass the Mortgagor. The property is auctioned for sale by virtue of and under a power of sale vested in the said Anpoornabai by the incenture of mortgage of the said property executed by Brijvullubdass Jugjeevandass and dated the 30th August 1869.

The property is in description as follows :—

All that cort or piece of ground together with a large dwelling-house and two ranges of buildings and two stables and premises, all built and standing thereon, situate at the corner of the Portuguese Church lane and Bhooleshwar road in the Bhoo eshwar subdistrict, fronting the North side of the Bhooleshwar road, without the Fort of Bombay. The said several buildings being assessed by the Collector of assessment under No. 3, and the said cort or piece of ground registered by the Collector of Pension and Tax under No. 117, containing by admeasurement 1410 square yards, be the same more or less, and is bounded as follows, that is to say, on the east by a public passage, on the west by a public road called the Portuguese Church lane, on the north by a public road called Bhooleshwar road, and on the south by the property of Oullundass Kirparam, and which said large dwelling-house is now in the occupation of the said Brijvullubdas Jugjeevandass.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application should be made to the Undersigned, 8 Hedtors to the mortgage, at their office, Apollo street No. 6, Fort, or to the auctioneer.

The property now produces about Rupees 600 as the monthly rent thereof.—Dated this 6th day of April 1874.

JEFFERSON & FAYNE,
Attornies for Anpoornabai.

FOR SALE ON COMMISSION.

The Property of G. T. Molecy, Esq., proceeded to Europe.

A Second-hand English-built Dog-cart, with moveable hood, in excellent order, and a set of Harness.

Also, the Property of J. Cornwall, Esq.

A Grey Arab Riding Horse, 14-2, 5 years, good paces, goes in harness, Price Rs. 450. To be seen on giving an hours' notice to the Undersigned.

Also the Property of an Officer.

A pair of Bay Australian Mares, 15-3, one five years old, and the other eight, quiet in single and double harness, very fast, one part shod or is formerly was used as a stable) and buildings standing thereon, being No. 1 Rampart Row east, within the subdistrict of Fort in Bombay, aforesaid, containing by admeasurement 284 square yards or thereabouts, and bounded on the east by Rampart Row east aforesaid, on the west by the premises firstly hereinbefore described, on the north and south by property of the said Varjeevandass Madhowdass, and which said premises are numbered 609 and 610 in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Messrs. SHAPOORJEE and THAKURDASS, Attorneys for the said Cursetjee Manockjee Setna and Cursetjee Nowrojee Wadia, at their Office, in Apollo Street, within the Fort of Bombay.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be taken at the time of sale.

NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDASS & Co,

Bombay, 7th May 1874.

SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,

2, MARINE STREET, BOMBAY.

SALE OF FRESH OILMANSTORES from the well-known and celebrated Purveyors, Crosse and Blackwell, just landed ex S.S. ARVA.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, the 7th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will submit to Public Auction, at their Room, an invoice of fresh oilmanstores, consisting of assorted pickles, mushroom and walnut catsup, Harvey sauce, raspberry vinegar, essence of anchovies, assorted syrups, salad oil, white wine and malt vinegar, Durham mustard, tapioca, assorted tart fruits (1 lb. tins) assorted jams, Oxford and Bologna sausages, red herrings, assorted soups, Yarmouth bloaters, kippered herrings, green peas, Lancashire stewed and preserved mushrooms, Milton oysters, potted meat, Irish and Wiltshire bacon, Cheddar and Berkley cheese, Worcestershire sauce, &c.

Also, to close account to be sold without reserve.

100 Barrels each, containing 4 dozen quarts Jeffrey's Beer in first-rate condition.

8 Barrels each 110 lbs. fresh Ham.

USUAL AUCTION SALE.

On MONDAY next, the 11th instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms—

By order of the Committee of Adjustment sundry Personal Effects of the late Captain E. T. Warry, R.A., consisting of Regiment Dresses, Suits of blue Serge, Wearing Apparel, Blankets, Double-barrelled Gun in case, Bed material, Portmanteau and sundry other articles.

SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS, MACHINES, IRON WARE, &c., &c.

On SATURDAY, the 9th instant, at 3 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the Colaba Old Bonded Warehouse, Roofs and Woodworks of godowns, lowering machines, wooden boxes for storing goods, cast iron plates, dammer gutter, boards, about 500 cwt., loads of rabits, &c., &c.

AUCTION SALE of handsome Household Furniture, Plated Glass and Porcelain Ware, &c., at the Old Telegraph Office, Lower Colaba.

Under instructions from the Administrator General, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will on SATURDAY next, the 9th instant, sale commencing at 1 P.M., sell by Public Auction, at his residence, at the old Telegraph Office, the handsome household furniture, &c. of the late Mr. J. A. Mason, Engineer, the same comprising porcelain and glass ware, plated articles, blackwood dining table in 3 pieces, carved drawing-room pier, writing, washing and dressing tables, conversation and reclining couches, drawing room, easy, folding, bed room, arm and without arm chairs, sideboard, chiffonier, teapoys, walnut, harmonium by Alexander Pere, American sewing machine, large size brass four-posts bedstead, wardrobe, chest of drawers, clothes press, velvet pile table cover, hanging argand lamp, flower vases, single and double screens, pictures, hatstand, dispense and cookroom furniture, wearing apparel, &c. &c.

The above is now on view.

AUCTION SALE of valuable and handsome Household Furniture, Plated, Glass and Porcelainware, a first-class Harmonium, Pictures, Table Ornaments, Book, &c., at No. 18, Marine Lines.

Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, the 8th day of May, sale commencing at 1 p.m. sell by Public Auction at his Residence, No. 18, Marine Lines, the whole of the valuable and handsome Household Furniture, Wines, &c., of Colonel Macleod proceeding to England, the same comprising rich cut glasswares, dinner, dessert and breakfast services, plated ware, such as dish covers, hot-water cruet tables, tea and coffee service, cruet, egg and breakfast frames, patent egg boiler, sodawater stands, table spoons and forks, waiters, table and chamber candlesticks, carved blackwood and mah-gany furniture consisting of dining table, arm chairs, drawing-room and dressing, writing and card tables, a set of blackwood dining table in 4 pieces for 8 persons, conversation and rent ing couches, chiffonier, wash-hand, music stand, tea-poys, standing-room and dining-room easy arm and without arm chairs, hat-stands, double-screens, ottoman, tea-caddy, a rosewood Harmonium by Jones, who, who

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 6TH MAY, 1874.

THE Liverpool Cotton Market opened this morning quiet but unchanged with probable sales 12,000 bales, the day's receipts at the American ports being 4,000 bales against 6,000, and the exports to Great Britain 8,000 against 1,000 on the corresponding date last year. The figures for the four days of the current week are now—Receipts 13,000 against 24,000, Exports to Great Britain 30,000 against 17,000, for the same period in 1873. The stock of cotton at the ports has run down to 377,000 from 412,000 bales on Friday last, the result of the comparatively heavy exports. The private messages which have come to our knowledge give no additional information except that they generally advise a somewhat duller state of affairs in Manchester than Reuter reports, which is the more against cotton from the market depending so much as it does at present on the trade demand.

Consols are quoted this morning at 93⅛ being a decline of ⅛, and Bar Silver at 58 13/16. This coupled with the withdrawal of £78,000 from the Bank of England for France, advised in yesterday's telegram, shows a somewhat less favourable tendency in the Money Market, but not of sufficient importance to warrant anticipations of a higher rate of discount.

MONEY and EXCHANGE.—The business in Sterling to-day has been very limited and a decline of fully ¼ per cent. must be quoted at the close, say:—Bank Bills 6 months' sight 1s. 11¾d. ; Credits 6 months' sight 1s. 11 7/16d. per rupee. Even this reduction, however, has failed to bring any amount of paper into the market, and it daily becomes more evident that the pressure of bills is over for the season. No reduction has been made in the Bank of Bombay's rates of discount at to-day's meeting, but money in the bazaar is more plentiful, and with the amount of specie now becoming available the position of the Exchange Banks must be improving. The uncertainty respecting Government requirements is still to some extent against the market, but the prevailing impression is that these are pretty well provided for ; and if this be the case there seems nothing in present appearances to prevent a rapid return to lower rates of discount, and even extreme abundance of money as the end of the season approaches.

On Calcutta the transactions are small, and we may still quote demand Bank paper at ¼ and 60 days' sight at 3-8 per cent. discount. For *Government Paper* there is an increasing enquiry at current rates, say—Fours Rs. 102 ; Fours and a half Rs. 103 ; Fives and a half Rs. 107.

SHARES.—The market is very firm, and Bank of Bombays, which are in special request, are again higher. Land shares are unaltered. Press Companies show a hardening tendency. Spinning and Weaving shares are firmly held for fully yesterday's rates.

	Rs.
New Bank of Bombay	780
Ditto 2nd Res. Issue	450
National Bank of India	128
Colaba Land Company	1,360
Apollo Press Company	4,500
Bombay Press Company	950
Colaba Press Company	3,300
Alexandra Spinning & W. Co.	1,560
Alliance Spinning & W. Co.	2,885
Bhownuggur M., & P. Co	1,075
Manockjee Petit's	1,400
Oriental	4,050

COTTON.—There is little or no change to notice in the position of affairs, dealers with the prospect of reduced supplies before them continue to show great firmness, and exporters are unable to operate freely, present prices generally showing a loss of ¼d. to ½d. per lb. on Liverpool currencies. To-day's rates are—Mowah and Bhownuggur Rs. 180 to Rs. 182, Dhollera and Wudwan Rs. 177 to Rs. 179, Akote full-pressed Rs. 193, Sawginned Dharwar Rs. 192, and Vingorla Rs. 175 per candy.

FREIGHTS.—For Sailing Ships the enquiry is fairly active at £3 to £3-2-6 for wooden and £3-5-0 to £3-7-6 for iron vessels. Steamers are quiet at £3 to £3-1-3 for Liverpool.

PIECE GOODS continue firm at previous values with only a moderate business passing from first hands. Yarns steady.

BOMBAY, BARODA, AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the Week ending 2nd May 1874.

Open 428½ Miles.	Rs. a. p.
Coaching	51,630 0 0
Merchandize	1,31,853 0 0
Earth Trains	1,146 0 0
Electric Telegraph	769 0 0
Total Rs.	1,85,401 0 0

Corresponding week in April 1873.

Open 389½ Miles.	
Coaching	42,618 0 0
Merchandize	1,08,971 0 0
Earth Trains	806 0 0
Electric Telegraph	797 0 0
Total Rs.	1,53,192 0 0
Increase Rs.	32,209 0 0

KHANGAUM AND OOMRAWUTTEE BRANCH RAILWAYS.

Traffic Receipts and Train Mileage for Khangaum and Oomrawuttee for week ended 18th April.

	Receipts. Rs. a. p.	Train Mileage.
Passengers	271 3 0	113
Goods	1,710 0 0	183
Electric Telegraph	16 0 0	"
Total	1,997 3 0	Total 296

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE S. S. Colombo, 1,259 tons, Captain J. McNabb, sailed yesterday for London via Canal with a cargo of 1,407 bales cotton, and general cargo.

THE P. AND O. Co.'s S. S. DELHI, 1,285 tons, Captain G. Lee, arrived in harbour yesterday from Aden and Suez (April 24th) with English mail and the following cargo :—294 packages cottons, 1 box umbrellas, 6 boxes lamps, 3 boxes boats, 17 bales yarn, 3 boxes tobacco, and 156 packages specie.

THE S. S. SIR JOHN LAWRENCE, 467 tons, Captain Geo. Baldwin, arrived in harbour on the 5th instant from Constantinople (April 3rd), calling at Jeddah, Port Said, Suez, and Aden, with a cargo of 41 bundles specie, and one hundred and eight pilgrims as passengers. The vessel is consigned to Mr. J. A. Shepherd.

THE P. AND O. Co's S.S. AVOCA, 1,066 tons, Captain A. Symons, arrived in harbour yesterday from China &c., with China Mail and the following passengers :—Dr. Partridge, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Monitree, Mr. Olivers, Mr. Patterson, and one deck passenger. She brought the following cargo :—3 boxes gold, 300 boxes firecrakers, 1 box tea, 2 boxes preserve, 551 packages cassia, 81 packages candles, 42 packages fans, 58 packages silk piece goods, 20 packages false pearls, 41 packages paper, 2 boxes indigo, 2 boxes glass beads, 2,190 packages sugar candy, 11 packages China ware, 56 boxes glass bangles, 406 boxes silk, 6 packages white copper, 1 package drum, 2 packages wheat, 5 boxes vermillion, 3 boxes sugar, 4 boxes cinnamon oil, 5 boxes cheroots, 18 boxes copper cash, 5 boxes gold leaves, 5 boxes specie, 1 box garrow wood, 16 boxes oil umbrellas, 21 packages copper leaves, 15 boxes anissed, 75 packages gunny bags, 21 bales twist, and 12 packages sundries.

ARRIVALS.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
6	S. J. Lawrence (s).	Baldwin	Constantinople, April 3
6	De'hi (s)	Lee	Suez, April 24.
	Avoca (s)	Symons	Hongkong, April 16.

DEPARTURES.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
5	Colombo (s)	McNabb	London.

The following vessels were entered out for loading yesterday :—
Steamer Hutton, to Liverpool.
Steamer Ithuriel, to Liverpool.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

May			
2	China (s)	Gardner	Hong-Kong April 12.
	Statesman (s)	Valiant	Hong-Kong April 12.
	Carisbrooke (s)	Scott	Saigon April 18.

DEPARTURES.

May			
2	Scotia (s)		

ADEN.

ARRIVALS.

March.
8 Parsee, ss, Harrison, from Newcastle.
Apl.3 Lebanon, ship, Shields, from Newcastle.
7 Pehlwan, ss, Stepney, from Bombay.
15 Plantagenet, ship, Stepledon, from Cardiff.
16 Waterloo, ship, Nacoda, from Calcutta.
16 Chanticleer, ship, Nacoda, from Calcutta.
16 Dupleix, ss, Monge, from Mauritius.
17 Mohuster, ship, Nacoda, from Calcutta.
18 Kwang Tung, B. M., Elton, from Kotama.
20 Calcutta, ss, Henderson, from Zanzibar.
20 Modeste, H. M.'s S., Thompson, from Plymouth.
22 Glendarroch, ss, Horner, from Sunderland.
22 Burmese, ss, Luck, from North Shields.
23 Indus, ss, Berratt, from Southampton.
24 Madura, ss, Smith, from London.
24 Sir John Lawrence, ss, Baldwin, from Jedda.
24 Life Brigade, ss, Gray, from Cardiff.
25 Lumley Castle, ss, Brown, from Akyab.
25 Ava, ss, Fleuriais, from Marseilles.
25 Khedive, ss, Stewart, from Calcutta.
25 Virginia Schiffmann, ss, Anderson, from Beypore.
25 Border Chieftain, ss, Bailey, from Bombay.
26 Madura, ss, Oldeman, from Batavia.
26 Dordogne, Fch. S. F., Zede, from Toulon.
27 Lombardy, ss, Gillson, from Bombay.
27 Adelaide, ship, Arcus, from Liverpool.
28 Kwang Tung, B. M., Elton, from Perim.
28 Excelsior, ss, John Stone, from Bombay.
28 South Tyne, ss, Hallett, from Cardiff.
28 Eldorado, ss, Karr, from Calcutta.

DEPARTURES.

April.
28 Lebanon, ship, Shields, to Bombay.
28 Mohuster, ship, Nacoda, to Jeddah.
28 Glendarroch, ss, Horner, to Batavia.
23 Indus, ss, Berratt, to Bombay.
24 Calcutta, ss, Henderson, to Zanzibar.
25 Waterloo, ship, Nacoda, to Jeddah.
25 Chanticleer, ss, Nacoda, to Jeddah.
25 Modeste, H. M.'s S., Thomson, to Bombay.
25 Madura, ss, Smith, to Madras.
25 Sir John Lawrence, Baldwin, to Bombay.
25 Lumley Castle, ss, Brown, to Malta.
25 Ava, ss, Flaiais, to China.
26 Kwang Tung, B. M., Fiton, to Perim.
26 Khedive, ss, Stewart, to Suez.
26 Virginia Schiffmann, ss, Anderson, to London.
26 Border Chieftain, ss, Bailey, to London.
26 Madura, ss, Oldeman, to Amsterdam.
27 Dupleix, ss, Monge, to Mauritius.
27 Dordogne, Fch. S. Fr., Zede, to Bourbon.
28 Parsee, ss, Harrison, to Bombay.
28 Lombardy, ss, Gillson, to Suez.
28 Excelsior, ss, John Stone, to Liverpool.
29 Eldorado, ss, Karr, to London.

VESSELS IN HARBOUR.

April.
7 Pehlwan, ss, Stepney, to Bombay.
15 Plantagenet, ship, Stepledon, from Cardiff.
22 Burmese, ss, Luck, from North Shields.
24 Life Brigade, ss, Gray, from Cardiff.
27 Adelaide, ship, Arcus, from Liverpool.
28 Excelsior, ss, John Stone, from Liverpool.
28 South Tyne, ss, Hallett, from Cardiff.

SUEZ CANAL SHIPPING LIST.

April. Homeward.	April. Outward.
12 Hindostan, ss, Southampton and London.	12 Toina, ss, Java.
12 City of Oxford, ss, London.	13 Hutton, ss, Bombay.
12 Coromandel, ss, London.	13 Burmese, ss, Bombay.
13 Dido, ss, Trieste.	14 Glandaroch, ss, Batavia.
13 Redwater, ss, Havre.	15 Dordogne Transport, Reunion.
13 Golden Horn, ss, Marseilles.	16 Tanjore, ss, Calcutta.
13 European, ss, Liverpool.	16 Life Brigade, ss, Aden.
14 Quarta, ss, Hamburg.	16 Amsterdam, Batavia.
15 Neddo, ss, Liverpool.	17 Arratoon Apcar, ss, Calcutta
15 Holland, ss, Amsterdam.	17 In ns, ss, Bombay.
15 Persia, ss, Genoa.	18 Madura, ss, Madras.
16 Patrochus, ss, London.	18 Pundas, ss, Calcutta.
16 Matthew Cay, ss, Gibraltar.	19 Sultan, ss, Jeddah.
16 Bewick, ss, Gibraltar for orders.	19 Ithuriel, ss, Bombay.
18 Peshawur, ss, Southampton.	19 Jap n, ss, Calcutta.
18 Ocean Queen, ss, Marseilles.	19 Surpidon, ss, China.
18 City of Cartago, ss, London.	20 Ava, s, Shanghai.
19 Trafalgar, ss, Havre.	
19 Arthur, ss, Genoa.	
19 Scica, ss, Falmouth.	
19 Ennaldo, ship, Plymouth.	

DAILY IMPORTS.—6TH MAY.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Wimbledon s, 15 casks glassware and 1 case hardware, Muncherjee Pallonjee.
Riga s, 7 cases plate glass, Abdoolabhoy Abdoolally.

FROM LONDON

Pembrokeshire 86 casks stout, M and E Bazonjee ; 16 cases porter, 4 cases cheese, 3 cases bacon, and 2 cases ham, Palonjee Heerjeebhoy's Sons ; 15 cases matches, Ebraujee Noorbhoy ; 10 cases biscuits, Eduljee Cursetjee ; 50 cases matches, Abdoolally Mahomedally ; 27 boxes bar soap, Mahomedally Budroodin.
Orches s, 21 cases tobacco, Goolamally Surafally.

FROM GENOA.

Persia s, 85 cases brandy, The L A and A Co.
Arabia s, 50 cases cognac, Jamsetjee Nowrojee.

DAILY EXPORTS—6TH MAY.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Persian Empire, 100 bales cotton, G. Sigg & Co.
Bride of Lorne, 493 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co.
Malcolm, 1,000 bales cotton, Thavernull Tejbhandase ; 121 bales cotton, Chimondase Madhowdase, 500 bales cotton, Soordeedase Mooljee.
Sewernake, 500 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co. ; 100 bales cotton, Behrend Brothers ; 250 bales cotton, David Sassoon & Co. ; 100 bales cotton, Cooverjee Ludha.
Wm. Lindsay, 500 bales cotton, Campbell, Mitchell & Co ; 1,800 bundles linseed, Ralli Brothers ; 650 bales cotton, Finlay, Muir & Co ; 250 bales cotton, Ritchie, Stenart & Co. ; 300 bales cotton, W. & A. Graham & Co. ; 500 bales cotton, N. Manockjee & Co.
Orches s, 4 bales cotton, Behrend Brothers ; 100 bales cotton, Killick, Nixon & Co. ; 64 bales cotton, T. R. Roopjee Mody ; 38 bales wool, Volkart Brothers ; 50 bales cotton, D. Pursbotum ; 64 bales cotton, Megjee Shamjee & Co. ; 400 bales cotton, H. Clason & Co.
Cardiff s, 200 bales cotton, Behrend Brothers ; 100 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers ; 15 bales cotton, Richard Martin & Co. ; 200 bales cotton, Becherdass Ambaidass ; 100 bales cotton, A. Trading & Co. ; 250 bales cotton, S. Khooshalchund ; 150 bales cotton, W. Poonsey ; 121 bales cotton, K. Purmanund ; 6 bales cotton, Ewart, Latham & Co.
Midlothian s, 48 bales wool, Tilloomull Chimondass ; 42 bales wool, Heeralall Ramgopall ; 25 bales cotton, Killick Nixon & Co. ; 55 bales cotton, Motoodhun Roognath ; 100 bales cotton, R. Varjeswan ; 129 bales cotton, Khuttow Muckunjee ; 300 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co. ; 20 tons old iron, N. Ragoram & Co. ; 400 bales cotton, Ewart Latham & Co. ; 6 tons bones, C. H Taylor.
Wimbledon s, 191 cwts coir yarn, Nanjee Khuttow ; 200 bales cotton, Finlay Scott & Co. ; 50 bales wool, Nursey Vithuldas ; 100 bales cotton, David Sassoon & Co.
Ithuriel s, 93 cwts coir yarn and 194½ cwts nuxvomica, Khetsey Dhurumsey ; 250 bales cotton, Dayall Jairam ; 500 bales cotton, Killick, Nixon & Co. ; 550 cwts gall, L. Ebram.
Hutton s, 2,000 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers ; 250 bales, cotton, C. Munjee ; 676 bags linseed, M. Tricumjee ; 1,000 bales cotton, and 1,000 bags linseed, Knoop & Co. ; 200 bales cotton, Framjee, Sands & Co. ; 20 bags myrabollams, Remington & Co. ; 335 bags linseed, Mooljee Tricumjee.
Riga s, 40 bales cotton, Dyal Ruttonsey.

FOR LONDON.

Colombo s, 69 bundles deer horns, Dawoodbhoy Hassam ; 100 bales cotton, Finlay, Muir & Co.
Indus s, 6 cases fishmaws, Gawalbhoy Somjee ; 13 cases fishmaws, Lalljee Hemraz ; 34 cases mother of pearl shells, Khuitan Abdoola ; 75 pieces E. teeth, Hajee Ebram Fucker Mahomed ; 74 cases gum, Allana Munjee & Co ; 1 case M. of P. shells, H. Abdoola ; 234 packages gum, P. & O. Co. ; 150 cases olibanum, Mooljeebhoy Jewraj ; 54 cases olibanum, and 12 cases hcerabole, D. Dossa.

FOR GENOA.

Blythwood s, 6 bales hides, Volkart Brothers.

FOR BREMENHAVEN.

Harold, 500 bales cotton, Austrian Trading Company.

FOR PORT SAID.

Head Quarter s, 100 bags wheat, Finlay Scott & Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Blythwood s, 500 bags wheat, Alsen Riebe & Co. ; 100 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.
Indus s, 14 bales silk, P. & O. Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Indus s, 36 bales tobacco, P. & O. Co.

FOR ALEXANDRIA.

Indus s, 7 boxes chinaware and 1 box silk, P. & O. Co.

FOR BRINDISI.

Indus s, 12 cases silk, P. & O. Co.

FOR LYONS.

Indus s, 16 bales silk, P. & O. Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Indus s, 100 bales cotton, George Lockhart & Co. ; 500 bales cotton, H. Clason & Co.
City of Delhi, 45 bales cotton, George Lockhart & Co. ; 460 bales cotton, Pianque Vinay & Co.
Pembrokeshire, 1,050 bales cotton, Jules Soigfried ; 110 bales cotton, Pianque Vinay & Co.

STEAMER REPORTS.

Trincomallee, 5th May, 12-25 p.m.—H. M. The s sailed for Seychelles on 2nd instant.
Galle, 5th May, 11-28 a.m.—Mail S r ner Nubia from Bombay arrived.
Galle, 6th May, 4-30 p.m.—French Mail Steamer Anadye from Ch a arrived.

WEATHER REPORTS.

CANNANORE, 6th May, 4 P. M.—Weather cloudy, wind north-west, thermometer 84.
CARWAR, 6th May, 5-40 P. M.—Thermometer 84, barometer 29-75.
MANGALORE, 6th May, 10-10 A. M.—Weather cloudy, wind north, west, north-west, thermometer 86, barometer 29-75
TUTICORIN, 6th May, 5 P. M.—Weather cloudy, wind west, thermometer 86, barometer 29-64
VIZAGAPATAM, 6th May, 5-55 P.M.—Weather clear, wind westerly 1 h, thermometer 92.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH.

OFFICE—6th MAY, 8 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.

Via Russia, 6th May, 12-41 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour.
Via Suez, 6th May, 11-50 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 42 minutes.
Latest dates from Continent of Europe.
Via Russia, 6th May, 12-27 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 38 minutes.
Via Suez, 5th May, 9-0 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 5 hours 38 minutes.
Latest date from China.
Via Singapore, 5th May, 8-20 P.M. Time in transit, 17 hours 57 minutes.
Latest date from Australia.
Via Singapore, 5th May, 7-50 P.M. Time in transit, 20 hours 28 minutes.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 5th May to 8 P.M. of the 6th May is as follows :—

	Max.	Min.
From Calcutta	1 6	0 4
" Kurrachee	0 30	0 2
" Madras	0 22	0 13

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

CAPTAIN H. M. BURGESS, R. A., has been confirmed in the grade of 3rd class Commissary of Ordnance.

STAFF VETERINARY Surgeon A. J. Poett has been allowed furlough to Europe, for two years on medical certificate.

CAPTAIN H. N. REEVES, Bombay Staff Corps, has been allowed furlough to Europe, for two years on medical certificate.

CAPTAIN S. J. WAUDBY Staff Corps, Adjutant 19th Regiment N. I. has been allowed furlough to Europe for one year, from date of departure in July next.

BRIGADIER GENERAL SIR C. H. BROWNLOW, K. C. B., (A. D. C. to the Queen) Commanding at Rawul Pindee, has been allowed to proceed to Europe, on medical certificate, for six months.

COLONEL BEVILLE, C. B., Staff Corps, Commandant 27th (or 1st Belooch) Regiment N. I., has been granted furlough to Europe for eighteen months from date of departure for the current month.

Two clasps will perhaps be given with the Ashantee war medal, one bearing the word "Amoaful," and the other "Coomassie." The medal ribbon will be black and yellow, striped. The medal will not be ready for distribution for some time.

IT is the general belief that Captain Sartorius will receive the Victoria Cross. That the reward has been earned no one will deny. The *Times* correspondent, in reviewing the incidents of the recent campaign, speaks of Captain Sartorius's march as "the *chef d'œuvre* of the war." In this view the whole Service coincides. No more plucky deed was ever performed by a British soldier. There are hundreds of men who would volunteer for a forlorn hope in the heat of a battle, but who would think twice before attempting to perform the feat accomplished by Captain Sartorious.—*Army and Navy Gazette.*

AT a General Court Martial Assembled at Allahabad on the 11th March, Private George Hiley, 1st Battalion 14th Regiment, was charged with having been drunk and deserting his post when on sentry at Benares, on the 4th February last ; with insubordination and the use of threatening language to his superior officer Corporal Harrison in refusing to surrender himself a prisoner when called upon to do so and threatening to blow his brains out ; further with having discharged his rifle, loaded with ball ammunition, in the direction of an escort advancing to confine him, thereby endangering life, and with having wilfully broken a pane of glass when a prisoner in the guard room. The Court sentenced the prisoner to fifteen years penal servitude and to be put under stoppages of pay until he shall have made good the value of three rounds of service ammunition and the broken pane of glass and to be discharged with ignominy from Her Majesty's service. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief remarks :—The prisoner has been found guilty of having been drunk on duty, of deserting his post when sentry, of disobeying, with threats of violence, the lawful commands of his superiors, and of firing at the escort sent to apprehend him. For these crimes the court have awarded fifteen years' penal servitude. I have confirmed the sentence, it being inexpedient to return it for revision ; but I cannot approve of it. The Court have not fully appreciated the prisoner's crime. The use of his weapons by a soldier, to resist lawful authority, is the worst form of insubordination. Whether the action causes loss of life, or only endangers it, the intention is the same, and merits the severest punishment that the court can award. The ceremony of drumming out is dispensed with.

ARRIVALS—May 3.

Dickson, Lieutenant 3rd Hussars, on leave, from Mhow.
Gilson Lieutenant 3rd Hussars, on leave, from Mhow.

MAY 6.

Griffiths, Band Master, Bengal 2-1st Foot, to join, from England.
Cruickshank, Surgeon Major, Medical Establishment, to join, from England.
Young, Major, Staff Corps, to join, from England.
Blowers, Captain, 103d Regiment L. I., to join, from England.

DEPARTURES—May 6.

Graham, Quarter Master, Royal Art llery, on leave, to Khundella

ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, IN INDIA.

Adjutant General's Office, Simla, 27th April 1874.

Attention is directed to the undermentioned Horse Guards' General Orders, dated the 1st March 1874 :—

G O 16, Recruiting Height and chest measurement of recruits (gunners) for Royal Artillery.

G O 13, Schoolmasters Transfer of soldiers to the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea, for the purpose of qualifying as Army Schoolmasters.

The particular attention of all general and staff officers, and officers of the British service, is drawn to Horse Guards' G O 19, dated 1st March 1874, promulgating a revised edition of the Queen's Regulations and orders for the Army.

A distribution will be made to, dheataff and to regimental commanding officers in this command, similar to that notified in Horse Guards' G O 20 of, 1874 ; but requisitions need not be sent to the Adjutant General, as the supply will be issued so soon as it is received.

Officers of British regiments will observe, that by the last paragraph of Horse Guards' G O 20 of 1874, they are expected to provide themselves with the pocket edition.

In continuation of G O C C dated the 20th April 1874, p 161, and under instructions from Government, the undermentioned officers are directed to proceed at the public expense to the stations noted above their names, and report themselves to the chief civil authority, for duty in connection with the famine relief operations :—

To Allahabad.

Capt J G Macleod, GI List, Infy, attached to the 37th N I, Lieut H A Rigg, R A.

To Chota Nagpore.

Capt B H Preston, M S C, Gr Mr 33rd Madras N I.

The following orders are confirmed :—

Oude Division order, dated the 14th April 1874, directing Surgn Maj R F Hutchinson, M D, 6th N I, to assume medical charge of the 4th Bengal Cavalry, in addition to his other duties.

Presidency District order, dated the 30th March 1874, directing Surgn A S Lethbridge, M D, to proceed in medical charge of convicts to Port Blair.

Dated the 31st March 1874, directing Surgn F J Twohy, M D, to proceed to Rawul Pindee and report himself for orders to the Depy Surgn Genl, Indian Medical service, of the circle.

Bareilly Brigade order, dated the 3rd April 1874, appointing Captain C H Sanford, 2nd Batn 1st Foot, to act as Station Staff Officer, during the absence of the Bgde Maj on inspection duty with the Bgde Genl.

17th Foot, (1st Batn) Regimental order, dated the 16th April 1874 appointing Lieut G L Field to act as Interpreter, during the absence on general leave of Lieut W W Clarke.

3rd Bengal Cavalry—Regimental order, dated the 15th April 1874, appointing Lieut C H V Garbett, 2nd Squadron Subaltern, to officiate as 1st Squadron Subaltern, in addition to his other duties, vice Lieut G T Morris, on furlough.

16th Bengal Cavalry—Regimental order, dated the 15th April 1874, appointing Capt C A Carthew, 1st Squadron Subaltern, to officiate as 3rd Squadron Officer, in addition to his other duties, vice Capt G C Ross, proceeding on general leave.

12th N I—Regimental order, dated the 16th April 1874, appointing Lieut A F Barrow, 2nd Wing Subaltern, to officiate as Adjt, in addition to his other duties, vice Capt A Oldham, proceeded on general leave.

29th N I—Regimental order, dated the 14th March 1874, appointing Capt F R A B Constable, offg 1st Wing Subaltern, to officiate as Qrmr, in addition to his other duties, vice Lieut H H Wilson, Qrmr, proceeding on furlough, with effect from the 15th idem.

37th N I—Regimental order, dated the 11th March 1874, making the following appointments, consequent on the transfer of Brev Col O P G Lamb, 2nd in Command and offg Comdt, to the command of the 11th N I.

Lieut Col A A Bruce 2nd in Command, to officiate as Comdt.

Capt F A Montriou, Wing Officer, to officiate as 2nd in Command and Adjutant.

Capt F R A B Constable, offg 1st Wing Subaltern, to officiate as Wing Officer.

Lieut W Hailes, 1st Wing Subaltern, to continue to officiate as Qrmr, in addition to his other duties.

Dated the 13th March 1874, making the following appointment :—

Lieut W Hailes, 1st Wing Subaltern and offg Qrmr, to officiate also as Adjt, in addition to his other duties.

Dated the 14th April 1874, making the following appointments, vice Capt F A Montriou, Wing Officer, offg as 2nd in Command :—

Lieut Sir C H Leslie, Bart., Adjt, to officiate as Wing Officer.

Lieut J Corse-Scott, Qrmr, to officiate as Adjt, in addition to his other duties.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence :—

General Staff—Lieut Col N E Boileau, (S C, Depr Judge Adv Rawul Pindee Division,) to Bombay, for one month from date leaving station, preparatory to furlough to Europe, on private affairs.

Royal Artillery—Major C J McMahon, (No. 2 Baty, 23rd Bgde) to Australia, for six months from date of embarkation, on medical certificate.

2nd Foot, (1st Batn)—Lieut J S Collins, to England, for six months from date of embarkation, on urgent private affairs.

25th Foot, (2nd Batn)—Lieut and Adjt F Welch, to Bombay, for one month from date of quitting regiment, to appear before a medical board.

55th Foot,—Lieut L Wyatt, to England, overland, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

73rd Foot.—Lieut J C Ross, to remain in England, pending retirement from the service.

Staff Corps.—Col R P Anderson, (Comdt 34th N I,) to Mussoorie and hills north of Deyrah, from the 15th April to the 15th Oct, on medical certificate.

Maj W Batty to Bombay, for one month from date of leaving station, to appear before a medical board.

Capt. E. Stedman, (Adjt 24th N I,) to Bombay, for one month from date of quitting regt, to appear before a medical board.

Capt W A Lawrence, (offg 3rd Squadron Officer 1st Bengal Cavalry,) to Calcutta, for one month from date of quitting regt, preparatory to furlough to Europe, on private affairs.

General List Infantry.—Capt C H Forster, (attached to 20th N I,) to Calcutta and Deyrah, from date of leaving regt to the 15th Oct, on private affairs.

Late 48th N I—Maj E B Ward, (doing general duty at Allahabad,) to Simla, from the 1st June to the 15th Oct, on private affairs.

British Medical Service—Surg Maj H Titterton, M. D., (in medical charge 26th Foot,) to Mussoorie, from 15th April to the 15th Oct on medical certificate.

Lieut Col J T Watson, B S C, doing duty at Sealkote, is permitted to visit Cashmere on the leave granted to him dated 2nd April 1874.

Lieut C H Hamilton, D Baty 11th Bgde R A, is directed to proceed from Benares to Mhow, to join E Baty C Bgde R H A.

The undermentioned candidates are reported to have passed the Lower Standard in Hindoostance on the 6th April 1874 :—

Sub-Lieut S C F Pelle, 109th Foot, and Private M Harvey, 109th Foot.

The following orders are confirmed :—

Allahabad Division order, dated the 23rd April 1874, directing Surgn R Moodie, M D, to proceed to Cawnpore for duty with the 1st Bengal Cavalry.

Presidency District order, dated the 20th April 1874, directing Surgn F. C. Gibson, doing duty 37th N I, to proceed to Rajshahye, and assume medical charge of that station until the arrival of Surgn R R Curran.

Eastern Frontier District order, dated the 21st Feby 1874, attaching Capt W G Maitland, B S C, to the 44th N I, for duty on his return from civil employ.

Meerut Brigade order, dated the 17th April 1874, directing Surg A B Seaman to do duty with the 4th Bengal Cavalry, until further orders.

Dated the 17th April 1874, appointing Surgn E Palmer to the medical charge of the 5th N I, until further orders.

Shahjehanpore Station order, dated the 14th March 1874, directing Surgn Maj J H Loch, M D, Civil Surgeon, to assume medical charge of the left wing of 45th N I, in addition to his other duties.

Jubbulpore Station order, dated the 18th April 1874, directing Col W H Lowther, Bengal Infantry, to assume command of the station, during the absence of Brigadier General J Mc N Walter, C B, on inspection duty, with effect from the 20th idem.

36th Foot—Regimental order, dated the 6th March 1874, appointing Lieut and Acting Capt T M Maxwell to act as Adjt, vice Lieut and Adjt W A Small, proceeding on sick leave to Europe.

97nd Foot—Regimental order, dated the 20th April 1874, appointing Lieut M C Cooke-Collis to act as Interpreter, vice Lieut C W H Douglas proceeded on general leave, with effect from the 15th idem.

11th N I—Regimental order dated the 15th April 1874 appointing Capt A J Stead 1st Wing Subaltern and offg Qrmr to officiate as Wing Officer, in addition to his other duties vice Maj C M Bushby, proceeded on general leave.

15th N I—Regiment order, dated the 15th April 1874 making the following apointments consequent on the departure on general leave of Lieut Col G H Tomson 2nd in Command :—

Major G. R Hennessy, w ng officer, to officiate as 2nd in command.

Cap D W English, attached to officiate as Wing Officer

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence :—

Divisional Staff—Col W M Cafe, V C, (Bengal Infantry, Asst Adjt Genl Sirhind Division,) to Simla, from the 16th April to the 16th Oct, on medical certificate

Brigade Staff—Bgde Genl M A S Biddulph, C B, R A, Comdg Sealkote Brigade,) to Bombay, for one month from date of quitting station, to appear before a medical Board.

Royal Horse Artillery—Maj M M Fitz Gerald, (A Baty C Bgde,) to Simla, from the 20th April to the 20th Oct, on medical certificate.

Maj B L Gordon, (B Baty F Bgde,) to Murree and Cashmere, from the 15th Oct, on private affairs.

Royal Artillery—Maj W Crawter, (No 5 Baty 23rd Bgde,) to Cashmere, from the 15th June to the 15th Oct, on private affairs.

Maj W Manderson, (F Baty 19th Bgde,) to England, overland, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

12th Foot, (2nd Batn,)—Sub-Lieut G H Robinson, to Murree, from the 20th April to the 19th June, on medical certificate.

54th Foot—Maj (Local Lieut Col) E T Shiffner, to Bombay, for one month from date of quitting regt, to appear before a medical board.

Lieut H Paterson (Adjt, 2nd de Pioneers,) to Bombay for one month from date of quitting regt, to appear before a medical board.

Lieut R N Harrington, (Qrmr 29th P N,) to Bombay, for one month from date of quitting regiment, to appear before a medical board.

Indian Medical Service—Surgn Maj H Perkins, (in medical charge 5th N I,) to Mahableshwur, Nynee Tal and hills north of Deyrah, from the 20th April to the 20th Nov, on medical certificate.

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EUROPE.

DEATH.

LAUDER—At 4, Belgrave-street, Glasgow, Thomas Lauder, Commission Agent (and late of the Bombay Metal Mart.)—Friends will please accept of this intimation.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

STONEY—May 1st, at Dehree, Shahabad, the wife of J. Butler Stoney, Esq., M. I. C. E. I., Executive Engineer, Soane Canals, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

JACKSON—MITCHELL—April 30th, at Saint John's Church, Cawnpore, by the Rev. J. E. Scobells, M. A. W. Jackson, to Clara, eldest daughter of the late M. J. F. Mitchell, of Woolwich.

STUVEN—BROOKS—May 2nd, at St. George's Cathedral, Madras, by the Reverend Archdeacon Gorton, assisted by the Reverend Williams, James Stiven, to Ann Abbott, eldest daughter of B. Brooks.

The Bombay Gazette.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1874.

WE are glad to see that the Bombay Government has at last frankly and fully condemned the principle that would suppress religious freedom in India and make British authority subservient to the whims of any set of discontented fanatics who might choose to say or hint that unless they had their own way they would create disturbances. It would appear that shortly after Mr. Gibbons' concession to the Kurrachee Mahomedans Colonel Lambert reversed the City Magistrate's decision and then wrote to Sir William Merewether to explain the course which he had taken. The Chief Commissioner at once replied to Colonel Lambert that his treatment of Mr. Gibbons' decision had his entire approval, and further he offered him his best thanks for the "very sensible and firm manner" in which he had disposed of the case. Sir William Merewether condemned Mr. Gibbons' course as very injudicious, and we suppose that Mr. Gibbons has had an opportunity of perusing the remarks with which Sir William Merewether accompanied his condemnation. If he has not, they are these:—"Knowing "Mr. Gibbons to be a very painstaking and well "informed Magistrate, I should certainly have "expected he would have had no difficulty in "seeing what was required of him on such an "occasion. It should have been clear to him that, "no matter what may have happened, no members "of a community have any right, nor can they "be allowed for a moment, to give vent to angry "feelings in such a manner as is likely to produce "a breach of the peace

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

LONDON, 5TH MAY, APT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet but steady. Surats heavy.

The London Cotton Market has been quiet.

Fair Dhollera 5¾d.

The Manchester Market has been steady.

7 lbs. Shirtings ..... 7s. 6d.

8¼ lbs. do ..... 9s. 4½d.

40s Mule Twist ..... 1s. 0¾d.

3 per cent. Consols for account 93¼

5 per cent. French Rente, 1872 ..... 94½

Bar Silver 58¾

The sum of £78,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of England for France.

The heavy Bombay mails of 6th ult. reached Southampton on the 3rd inst.

The following vessels have passed through the Suez Canal :—Hector, India and Chieftain,

Departure for Bombay via Suez Canal—Parana.

THE FAMINE IN BENGAL.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAM.]

CALCUTTA, 6TH MAY.

LATEST CROP REPORTS.—General rain. People are preparing the ground for early and late rice sowings. The rain is benefitting indigo and other crops greatly. In Sarun opium weighment is nearly completed and the outturn is good.

PRESSURE on our space in consequence of the arrival of the mail compels us to hold over for a day the remainder of the resolution on the special narrative.

MR. PETER PETERSON, of the Elphinstone College, has been appointed University Registrar in place of the late Mr. James Taylor.

OUR Aden correspondent informs us that Chuma and Suza, two servants of the late Dr. Livingstone, left Aden for England by the Lombardy a week or two ago.

H. M. S. MODESTE unexpectedly left Aden on the 25th for Bombay, where some repairs have to be effected upon her machinery. She will afterwards proceed to China, and thence home.

THE total number of people employed on the relief works was, for the fortnight ending 30th April, 1, 208,092. Of these the Patna division counted for 832,855, and Rajshahye for 164,296.

WE understand that the disposal of the applications for the post of Secretary to the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, in the room of the late Mr. Taylor, has been adjourned until next Wednesday.

COLLECTIONS on behalf of the sufferers by the famine in India have been set on foot in Germany. A committee has been formed for receiving contributions, having Herr Uhden, President of the Supreme Tribunal, for its chairman.

CALIFORNIA has taken hold of the liquor question at the other end from that which is usually dealt with by the law. The assembly of that State has just passed a bill making it a misdemeanor to invite any person to drink, or to accept an invitation to drink liquor at any public bar.

THE *Daily News* understands that the Premier has recommended to the Queen for a pension of £100 on the Civil List Mrs. C. L. Rosevi, the mother of Captain Rosevi, who lost his life on the Thibet frontier of India whilst engaged in exploring the mountain passes and pursuing other scientific enquiries.

THE Kwang-tung lately has been very busy going and coming between Aden and the neighbouring ports. She left Aden on the 26th for Perim and again returned on the 28th. As she is under the control of the Aden Residency, she need not expect much rest while so many difficulties are occurring among the troublesome tribes in the vicinity of Aden.

THE commander of H. N. M.'s steamer Hertog Bernard has officially reported that he, whilst on a voyage from Padang to Acheen, has discovered an island, which is not marked on the charts; it lies in 0° 2′ S. and 96° 32′ E., is low and stretches out N. and S. for about half a mile. The charts affected are *Dutch*, west coast of Sumatra page 1—*English*, Admiralty No. 2760, west coast of Sumatra Sh. I.

IT is a matter of regret with many that Mr. F. J. Candy, M.A., Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, has resigned his post in Elphinstone College. Elphinstone College loses an able professor in Mr. Candy. It is said that he resigns his post because the climate of India is not congenial to him. Mr. Govind Vithul Kurkuray, B.A., who is now acting for him, will probably be confirmed as a Professor of Mathematics.

SINGAPORE, we are told, has contributed its mite towards the relief of the sufferers by the Indian Famine. A working Committee has been organized and subscription lists put in circulation with such good effect that the committee have been able already to remit Rs. 10,000 to the Central Relief Committee at Calcutta, and further collections are still being made, a considerable sum being already in hand for the next remittance.

BABOO KRISTODASS PAL, one of the Justices of Calcutta, has brought before his colleagues a question strongly urged some years ago, namely, the desirability of the city making advances, bearing a moderate rate of interest, to poor house-owners, in order that they may connect their buildings with the drainage works. Several small landlords have been compelled to sell their property being enable to carry out the necessary sanitary improvements. This is hard on them and prevents the full effect of the drainage works.

THE *Pioneer* observes :—We have to announce an acting appointment which may possibly create some surprise. Mr. G. E. Low, C.S., Assistant Magistrate at Bareilly, has been chosen by the Lieutenant Governor, N. W. P., to officiate for Dr. Planck as Sanitary Commissioner of these provinces. We fear that the doctors may be indignant, regarding the appointment as an appanage of their profession, but the truth is that precedent—in no less a case than that of Sir John Strachey himself, who was the first Sanitary Commissioner for India—is against that view.

IT may be remembered that some two or three months since a charge was preferred by the Captain of the ship Savoir Faire, in Calcutta, against two Customs Preventive officers for connivance in the smuggling of a large quantity of salt from that vessel. The charge was not at the time brought home to the accused, but they were, notwithstanding, suspended and, if we mistake not, subsequently dismissed the service. We now learn that the officers petitioned the Board of Revenue for a review of their case and that after careful enquiry they have been re-instated and ordered to return to their duty.

THE *Englishman* publishes the following extract from a private letter :—"Chumparun, 29th April, 1874.—Famine matters are as usual, that is to say, no signs of any. The Government is giving away money with an open hand. They have raised the rates of labour on relief-works nearly double, and as the labourers do little or no work, it is almost impossible to get coolies to work in the factory, even at the same rates. I consider this extravagance most demoralising and a fearful waste of public money, but it seems famine is so popular that one is afraid to say a word against extravagance. My opinion is that there is more food now in the country than is used by the people in a prosperous year."

IN a letter in the *Irish Teacher's Journal* a Mr. John O'Hart advocates the teaching of Irish in the public elementary schools of his native island, on the ground that it is the "mother of all the modern languages of Europe," having been, as he sees reason to believe, brought from Egypt to Greece by Cadmus the Phœnician. To this effect he quotes Mr. P. M'Mahon of London, who says, "I think it a great pity that Irish is not more studied as a key to Greek and Latin, and the modern dialects of Latin. One who knows Irish well will readily master Latin, French, Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese. Our Carthaginian forefathers were famed for their knowledge of languages—*Carthago bilinguis*. An effort should be made to have it taught more generally in the Irish schools and colleges; and not through antiquarian sentimentality, but as the readiest means of enabling our youths to master modern languages.' Mr. O'Hart, like so many Irishmen, claims to be the representative of the "royal stem of Ireland" from which the House of Hanover is descended.

A LETTER from St. Petersburg, dated March the 30th, in the *Konigsberg Gazette* says that the dispute between Russia and Kashgar has been arranged in a very unexpected manner. Yakoob Beg, after instituting a full inquiry into the allegations about Russian caravans having been plundered by the Kashgarians, has ascertained that these statements were mere inventions on the part of the leaders of the caravans, who had themselves stolen the money and goods of their employers and then attributed the loss to imaginary Kashgarian robbers. All the documents on the subject have now been forwarded to Taschkend, and Yakoob Beg at the same time notified to the Russian Government that although it was clear that the Kashgarians were not to blame for the losses sustained by the Russian merchants, he had given directions for compensating them, in order to keep up his friendly relations with the Russian Government. The correspondent adds that the fisheries on the Sea of Azoff have, during the past winter, been unusually productive. At Tchernajeff, on the southern coast, the nets were so filled by a single draught that it took the fishermen eight days to get all the fish out of them. The value of this one haul was 4,000 roubles. Great losses have been caused by wild animals to the farmers in the Government of Wologda. According to a statistical report issued by the local authorities, about 5,000 horses, 9,000 cows, and 35,000 sheep, &c., representing a total value of 382,000 roubles, were killed by wild animals during the past year.

THE *Pall Mall Gazette*: —The Treaty of Coomassie has been signed and with—for a King of Ashantee—unusual expedition; and it would perhaps be ungracious to inquire too curiously what is its value now we have got it. The Ashantees formally surrender Assin, Wassaw, Denkera, &c., which they as formally surrendered by treaty in 1831, and which did not prevent Amanquatia from requesting Sir Garnet Wolseley to hand over the kings of these districts just as if they were runaway slaves. They have agreed to keep open a broad road from Coomassie to the Prah, and this, so it is said, it is very doubtful whether they will do. They have nominally consented—at least we must suppose so—to abandon human sacrifices and this it is quite certain that they will not do. On the whole, there is perhaps less confidence to be placed in the treaty than in the material guarantees for its observance, not the least of which is the occupation of Prahsu and Mansu as fortified posts garrisoned by the police. No doubt these will be better securities for freedom of transit to and from Ashantee for purposes of commerce than the King's mark to the treaty; but the very idea of commerce with the Ashantees undoubtedly suggests the difficulty which has been noticed by a special correspondent of the *Times*. Given unrestricted freedom of trade, and the Ashantees are not likely to remain content with seven-and-sixpenny guns, carrying a slug, which may hit an assailant three times in as many minutes without checking his advance. They have already got a few muzzle-loading Enfields, and they will doubtless be very soon attempting to lay in a stock of Sniders. Are we to put no restriction to the importation of these weapons by our late enemies?

THE following letter from Lord Northbrook was read by the Lord Mayor at a meeting of the Mansion-House Relief Fund Committee on the 14th ultimo :—

"Government-house, Calcutta, March 20.

"My dear Lord Mayor,—I am much obliged by your Lordship's letter of the 20th of February, and by the kind expressions used towards myself both in the letter and at the meeting held at the Mansion-House for the aid of the Bengal famine.

"The Chairman of the Relief Committee here will, I understand, keep your Lordship fully informed of the manner in which their funds are being distributed. They are acting most cordially with the Government, and I think the City Committee have exercised a wise discretion in placing the funds collected in England in their hands. It is impossible to doubt that, over and above all that Government can do, an ample field will be found for the beneficial employment of large private subscriptions" (hear, hear) 'for this was found to be the case in the somewhat similar circumstances of the Irish famine.

"I can say, moreover, that the moral and political advantage which is derived from the substantial expression of sympathy in England with distress in India is very great, and that the exertions of your Lordship's Committee will be widely appreciated by Her Majesty's Indian subjects. (Hear, hear.)

"I have the honour to enclose you, for the information of the Committee, a copy of the latest narrative of events in Behar.

"The whole of the papers have been, or will be, made public here, so that the Committee can make any use of them which they may think desirable.

"The Government of India and of Bengal, as well as the local officers, are using their utmost exertions to cope with the distress and to save the lives of the people.

"I trust that, by God's blessing, we may succeed to a very great extent; but the task is a gigantic one and we have to deal with a people who are so patient (hear, hear) that it is one of the greatest difficulties of the local officers to induce them to make their wants known in sufficient time to preserve them, and especially their little children, from becoming famine-stricken. (Hear, hear.)

"I feel confident that in the end both the exertions that have been made and the difficulties that have had to be met will be justly appreciated at home. (Hear, hear.)

"I have the honour to be, my dear Lord Mayor,

"Yours sincerely,

"NORTHBROOK."

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL OF THE 17TH APRIL.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. Delhi, Commander Geo. Lee, arrived in harbour early yesterday morning with the English mails of the 17th ultimo on board. She sailed from Suez on the 24th April at 10-35 A. M., and Aden on the 29th April at 1-15 P. M. The following is the list of passengers :—

FROM SOUTHAMPTON.
Major D B Young. Band Master and Mrs Griffiths.
Mr Redd.

FROM VENICE.
Capt. and Mrs Blowers. Mr Duncan.

FROM BRINDISI.
Mr Van Rasema. Mr Hughes.
Mr Jackson.

FROM SUEZ.
Mrs Newnham's native servant. One native.

FROM ADEN.
Colonel Fuller. Rev J C Gonçalez.
Mr J A Shepherd. Dr Cruickshank.
Twenty-five natives.

HEADS OF INTELLIGENCE.

(*Home News*, April 17.)

PARLIAMENT met after the Easter recess on April 13, when the Duke of Argyll gave notice that on April 24 he would call the attention of the House to the papers presented on the subject of the Bengal famine, and make a statement. Last night the Duke of Richmond brought up a message from Her Majesty, requesting their lordships to concur in a grant of £25,000 to Sir Garnet Wolseley for his services in the late campaign in Ashantee.

In the House of Commons the East India Annuity Bill has been read a second time. A bill to abolish imprisonment for small debts has been thrown out on the second reading. A bill for the suppression of betting-houses has been read a second time. Last night the Chancellor of the Exchequer brought his financial statement before the House, by which it appears that he has a surplus of five millions and a half, which it is intended to dispose of by the following remissions in taxes. The Indian Famine Fund is to have no part in the concessions made; the sum of £1,010,000 will be applied to the county rates, and to rates upon Government property. The income-tax is to be reduced to 3d. in the pound; the sugar duties are to be abolished; but a small duty is to be imposed on preserved plums, and the Excise duty on sugar used by brewers is to be increased. The abolition of the duty on horses and horse-dealers' licences would absorb the remainder of the surplus within half a million, which sum Sir Stafford Northcote proposed for the present to leave in abeyance.

The health of Prince Bismarck has improved during the past few days.

A terrible conflagration has occurred at Miller's-town, Pennsylvania, by which seventy-one buildings and many lives have been destroyed.

The Queen has appointed April 23 for an inspection of the Naval Brigade employed in the Ashantee war.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh have gone to Osborne on a visit to Her Majesty.

The Emperor of Russia is expected to arrive in England on May 15, on his visit to Her Majesty.

A pension of £100 has been awarded to the mother of Captain Bascvi, who lost his life while exploring the Thibet frontier of India.

The office of Solicitor-General has been accepted by Mr. Holker, Q.C., M.P. for Preston.

The two Tichborne witnesses, Jean Luie and Captain Brown, have been sentenced respectively to seven and five years' penal servitude.

The remains of Dr. Livingstone arrived at Southampton on April 14, and had a public reception. They have since been deposited at the rooms of the Geographical Society at Burlington House, and are to be buried in Westminster Abbey to-morrow.

A small flotilla of steamers and barges of light draught are about being despatched to India for service in conveying grain and rice to the heart of the country.

The amount subscribed in England towards the Indian Famine Fund has now amounted to something over £100,000.

A public meeting in connection with the Indian famine has been held at the Mansion House, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, at which a letter from Lord Northbrook was read, and the Marquis of Salisbury made a long speech in favour of the object of raising further subscriptions in England.

A dreadful colliery explosion has occurred at the Astley Pit, Dukinfield, by which more than fifty lives are reported to have been sacrificed.

The directors of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China at their twentieth general meeting have declared a dividend of 5 per cent.

The championship of the Thames has been won by Sadler, who beat his opponent by three lengths.

Major-General Raines goes out to India at the close of the year to assume command of a division at Bombay.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK.—General E. E. Bruce, Mad. Inf.; Lord Sussex Lennox; Marquis of Clanricarde; Lord Kingsale; J. Carey, Esq., late of Calcutta; Lady Coleridge; Baroness Dunfermline; S. D. Forebay, Esq., J. P. for Worcester; Lady Wellwood Moncrieff; Major-Gen. Morris, R. A.; Col G. E. Thorold, 42nd Highlanders; E. R. Langworthy, late M.P. for Salford; Lady Phipps.

NEWS-LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, 2ND MAY.

IT will probably interest some of your readers in Bombay to learn that the question of grading the Military Account Departments of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay—a question which has been long and carefully considered,—is now finally settled, and that the proposals of the Chief Military Account authorities here have been accepted as satisfactory and sanctioned. One of the causes which appear to have indirectly led to the consideration of a new organization with regard to the scale of salaries in the Military Account Offices of the three presidencies was the great dissimilarity which was found to exist in the pay of the subordinates in those offices. In considering a scheme for a new organization, however, the direct object appears to have been not to equalize the pay of clerks throughout India but to bring about a more satisfactory state of things as regards the salaries and position of these men. This, it was believed, would also have the effect of introducing into the ranks of the subordinate service a superior class of officials. The objection which has hitherto existed to the working out of the desirable reform now sanctioned was that it was believed that it could not be effected without an increase of expenditure that would have counterbalanced the advantages to be derived. The object, however, has been accomplished, not only without incurring additional outlay, but a small annual saving is shown to result. In the consideration of the subject it was found necessary, in almost every instance, to slightly reduce the strength of existing establishments. In the Military Account Department of Bombay, for instance, the total number of clerks on the establishments, as at present constituted, amounts to 200. It is now proposed to reduce that number to 184. On the other hand the average monthly cost of the existing establishments is put down at Rs. 15,835. By the new organization this amount will be increased to Rs. 16,324. I append a short footnote showing how the reductions in the several Bombay establishments has been effected.* On looking over the tabular statement I find that the average monthly cost of the Madras establishment is also slightly increased, while the strength of existing departments is reduced by thirty-two. In Bengal, on the other hand, the average monthly cost of establishments is reduced by Rs. 1,754, while the number of subordinates now constituting the department is reduced by twenty-four. Thus it will be seen that the whole saving in the establishment of the three presidencies will amount to about Rs. 203 per mensem, or over Rs. 2,400 annually, and that that saving is entirely on the Bengal side. The slight excess in the Madras and Bombay expenditure is probably owing to the expense of living in those presidencies as compared with that of Bengal, and a graduated scale of pay framed on the circumstances of Bengal would perhaps, for this reason, have been found not altogether suitable for the other two presidencies. It will then be asked how the surplus clerks arising from this reduction are to be disposed of. Those entitled to receive pension will in all likelihood be pensioned, while those who are not so fortunate, owing to insufficient service, will probably receive gratuities in accordance with existing rules, or be drafted to other departments where their services can be usefully applied. The organization now sanctioned is no doubt a very important one, both to the Government, in so far as they will in future obtain the services of a more efficient class of men, and to the subordinates themselves, whose position and prospects are placed on a more definite and solid footing.

	Clerks.	
	Existing No.	No. under new organization.
Office of Controller of Militar Accounts	15	14
" " Accounts Branch	48	39
" Examiner of Pay Department	40	38
" Commissariat, Clothing and Barrack Accounts	49	45
" Medical Accounts	12	15
" Ordnance Accounts	36	33
	200	184

I was correct in my conjecture, when writing on the subject of legislation in my last communication to you, that the Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, which I understand will probably be passed into law at next Tuesday's Legislative Council, is one of those measures which is not received with favour. I find that the British Indian Association have memorialised the Viceroy against the Bill and have strongly urged its abandonment. As regards the first portion of the measure which deals with the consolidation of the Criminal Procedure of the High Courts, the Association express their belief that the local committees are quite satisfied with the working of the present procedure, and that nothing has occurred which, in the interests of justice, requires its alteration. This is one of those milk-and-water arguments with which the Hon. Mr. Hobhouse occasionally deals so happily. He will probably admit that the working of the system is all that it is represented, but that the very fact of it working well is a good reason why we should seek further to improve it, and he will no doubt be right; for it is a poor argument against change to urge that the system or institution it proposes to deal with has hitherto worked satisfactorily. As regards the second part of the Bill, which proposes to effect an alteration in the present procedure of the courts of the police magistrates in presidency towns, the objections of the Association are of a more tenable character and will no doubt receive all the consideration that is due to them.

It is known that the honour of unveiling the Outram Statue is to devolve upon His Excellency Lord Napier of Magdala. The ceremony is to take place on the 25th instant, and the day being a general holiday the concourse of spectators will in all probability be large. Lord Napier is an effective speaker, and, as the occasion is one in which he is eminently fitted to take an active part, he will no doubt do full justice to the memory of the brave dead warrior.

THE WORK AND PAY OF G. I. P. RAILWAY DRIVERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—You will greatly oblige me by giving publicity to this letter through the medium of your widely circulated paper.

You are perhaps aware of the proposed change of system in the working hours of the engine-drivers and firemen of the G. I. P. Railway. The regulations at present obtaining require that both the drivers and firemen shall perform seven hours' work, which is allowed to reckon as one day, and which, taking everything into consideration, is comparatively reasonable. The scheme under contemplation by the railway officials requires that both the drivers and firemen shall perform ten hours' and ten minutes' work on a goods, and nine hours on a passenger train, which will reckon as one day instead of seven hours as at present, and by the introduction of which scale these officials anticipate a large saving in the expenditure of the Company. Nothing, of course, can be said against any reasonable steps which may be taken by the Railway officials to diminish the present expenditure of the Company in whose interest they are of course bound to act. But, surely, the steps about to be taken, and which are now under contemplation, as I have told you, cannot be calculated to effect any very extraordinary saving for the Company—apart from the fact that they are manifestly unjust, when everything is taken into consideration.

Now, Mr. Editor, you are perhaps aware of the nature of the work that drivers and firemen have to perform, together with the many difficulties under which they labour, the inconveniences to which they are from time to time subjected—slaving themselves away for days together at the stake of their bodily health, subjected to the dangerous effects of a burning hot sun, which, especially at this time of the year, is almost unbearable, with an enormous blazing furnace before them, which adds a hundred-fold to the drudgeries, &c., of a fireman; and all these hardships have to be borne by these drivers and firemen, just for the scanty pittance thrown to them by the Company and even that it is now sought to reduce.

Perhaps if the officials who are contemplating this scheme of reduction were subjected to a test in order to fully realize the facts of the case—I say if they were sent to perform the duties of these poor drivers and firemen—they would, I am sure, much rather be inclined to recommend an addition to, than a reduction from, the salaries of these hardworking people. Just let them put the theory into practice, and the drivers and firemen will welcome the result, be what it may.

Now I ask you, Mr. Editor, or any of your rational thinking readers, whether the proposed change is at all just? Is it thus that all the slavings of these hardworking honest and *valuable*, though humble, servants of the Company are to be compensated?

I have not the slightest doubt but that the following suggestion will be well received by those interested in the matter, and which would appear to be the more effectual way of cutting down the expenditure. Follow the footsteps of the Bombay Municipality, commence at the head of the establishment—cut the salary of the agent, the heads of the various departments, &c., down, at the rate of, say, 30 per cent., and so on gradually diminishing the amount proportionably to the pay. This would seem to be the best way to curtail the expenditure. Why rush headlong without stopping even to consider? Why reduce the hard earnings of the drivers and firemen only—the men who so well *earn* what they receive?

Surely the response that will strike home to the hearts of each of your reasonable thinking readers will be a negative. How could it be otherwise?

If the Railway authorities wish to effect any saving of the expenditure, nothing can reasonably be said against their endeavours; but surely there are different ways of effecting this saving, other than those now under contemplation, and I can safely say that the saving, if any, which would be the result of the introduction of this new scheme, would be so trivial as to be almost unworthy of notice.

Besides these considerations it is, to say the least of it, certainly unreasonable to expect a man to work between 9 to 10 hours and 10 minutes as *one* day. Apart from this also experience teaches that it is an *impossibility* to wash out a boiler thoroughly in three hours, the time allowed for that purpose. I have been a considerable time in the Locomotive Department and can safely say that it fully takes up one hour to extract the "plugs" alone, leaving aside the washing out of the boiler, refilling it, etc., etc.

Why do those who wish to do good service to the Company thus blindly recommend this unwise and unjust scheme as the means of retrenchment?

Perhaps the leading officials of the Railway argue theologically within themselves, and thus desire "to take away from him that hath none even that he hath, and give it unto him that hath plenty"—the saving effected by the introduction of the proposed scheme,—which will of course only affect the poor drivers and firemen, will go towards swelling the already large salaries of those officials who have been so *energetic* in effecting it!

In conclusion I may say that these poor hardworking people, the drivers and firemen, desire no addition to or reduction from what they have all along been getting. They are content to slave away, provided always that they are not meddled with.

Why try to nullify the system so long in force?

I will now leave the case for the consideration of the public at large, and am sure that they will not judge harshly the views taken and the suggestions put forth in this letter as the most effectual means for the attainment of the desired object by a

"BLOKE" OF THE LINE.

Bombay, 6th May.

BOMBAY.

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POLICE FINES.—During last month nearly Rs. 3,000 were recovered on account of fines inflicted by the several Magistrates of Police.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.—Up till yesterday four cases had been committed by the several Magistrates of Police for the next Criminal Sessions of the High Court.

PROFESSORS OXENHAM and Candy return to Bombay from Europe in the middle of May. Mr. Oxenham will act as Principal of the Elphinstone College.—*Bombay Educational Record.*

GRANT MEDICAL COLLEGE.—It is stated that Dr Lyon, Professor of Chemistry in the Grant Medical College, and Chemical Analyst to Government, intends shortly to proceed England.

TORTURE.—Yesterday, in the Fort Police Court, a hack buggy driver named Hoossein was fined by Mr. Patrick Ryan in the sum of Rs 10 for cruelly torturing his horse on the Esplanade.

MR. JUSTICE MARRIOTT has proceeded to the Neilgherries during the present vacation of the High Court. Mr. Justice Bayley, we hear, intends proceeding to Kurrachee during the same period.

MR. G. H. FARRAN has been appointed to act as Clerk to the Insolvent Debtors' Court during Mr. Ferguson's absence on sick leave for *six* weeks. Mr. Ferguson, who is slightly indisposed, has proceeded to Beypore.

PERJURY.—A Hindoo named Govind Ramjee appeared yesterday before Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee with his pleader, Mr Harrychunker Balkrishna, and obtained a warrant against one Dowchund Mottee, charging him with giving false evidence in a judicial proceeding.

FORBES'S MEMORIAL PRIZE ESSAY.—The Committee of the Andrew's Library offer a prize of Rs. 200 for a best story in Gujerathee, illustrative of the social and domestic life of the Gujeratees. The story may either be based on facts or be wholly imaginative. It must inculcate good moral principles.

DANGER OF LOADING CHILDREN WITH ORNAMENTS.—At the Girgaum Police Court yesterday, a Maratha woman named Gunga, who had been several times in jail before, was charged before Mr. Nana Morojee with stealing two gold ornaments valued at Rs. 40 from the person of a child. She was adjudged guilty and sentenced to five months' rigorous imprisonment.

EDUCATION IN THE BARODA STATE.—The *Gujerat Mitra* observes that the flatterers of the Gaekwar commend him for introducing public education into his kingdom, but the few schools, says the *Mitra*, the Chief has opened in Baroda and other places, can in no way be called a sufficient provision for the educational wants of his subjects. They appear to be intended more to deceive the superficial outside observer than for anything else.

POSTAL DEPARTMENT.—A native paper learns that the annual increase of two rupees in the salaries of the subordinates of the Postal Department which they hitherto received, is to be discontinued in future. This annual increment of pay, says the writer, has been a great inducement to subordinates to perform their laborious and responsible work with great care, and its withdrawal is apparently an injudicious step, especially when it is remembered that the postal service is a low paid one.

A STATION FOR OODWARA.—A petition signed by Messrs. Dinshaw Maneckjee Petit, Nanabhay Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Nowrojee Maneckjee Wadia, Sorabjee Shapoorjee Bengalee, Cursetjee Furdoonjee Paruck, and about four hundred other Parsees, was forwarded yesterday to Mr. Currey, Agent of the B. B. and C. I. Railway, requesting therein that a permanent station be erected at Oodwara, where a large number of both Bombay and Mofussil Parsees go to visit their principal fire-temple.

FALSE PRETENCES.—A man named Jugjeevun Nuthoo, a hawker by profession, was charged before the Acting Third Magistrate yesterday with obtaining under false pretences eight pieces of carpet, belonging to one Heeralal Setaram, a cloth merchant. On last Tuesday week prisoner went to complainant's shop and asked him to sell him eleven carpets. He promised to pay the price at his house. Complainant sent a man with him, who went as far as the Old Market, when the prisoner disappeared. The prisoner was adjudged guilty and sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES.—It ought to have been explained that the figures given in our last number showing the past and probable future "expenditure on education" referred only to the expenditure from the imperial allotment of funds for provincial services. In addition to the expenditure thus shown, there is the imperial allotment to local funds, amounting to upwards of two lacs, most of which goes to education; whilst there is, of course, the great department of local fund expenditure on schools, which amounts to as much as the provincial total, inclusive of allotments.—*Bombay Educational Record.*

TRAINING CLASS.—We hear from Poona that the Hindustani Training Class has succeeded in sending forth two teachers, who are now employed in the Government Hindustani schools, one in the city and the other in the cantonment. We hear also that Mr. Ghulam Mahomed Munshi has started a night school in Main Street, Poona, which bids fair to be a success. At present the pupils number nearly 50, some of whom are Parsees, Marathas, and Portuguese, besides the Mahomedans, who constitute the majority. The Munshi is working with his accustomed energy and disinterestedness.—*Bombay Educational Record.*

DAVE CARSON'S BENEFIT.

MR. CARSON makes his farewell bow to Bombay this evening, the performance being for his own special benefit. The theatre has been engaged from the night following by Miss Corry George, so that there is no prospect of further last nights. Mr. Carson deserves well of the public, as most people admit. He makes it his endeavour to please in every sense, and as far as we are aware is generally successful. We observe that two of his *specialités*, the Bengalee Baboo and the Palkeewallahs, are on the bill, and it is a pity but that as a crowning success he could not have included the Hindoostanee Nautch, but in all probability this would be asking too much, as we believe that these original pieces embracing a number of performers require a deal of rehearsing to make them run smooth. However the bill, as it stands, is a very good one and includes the box and cabinet trick, the greatest illusion of the day. We feel confident that many who realize the fact that they may not see Dave again for years to come, will be inclined to go to-night and relax their risible muscles for his benefit.

THE KOTH SUCCESSION CIVIL SUIT.

THE Chief Justice delivered the judgment of himself and Sir Charles Sargent in this suit on Thursday last at the High Court. Mr. Starling, with Mr. Macpherson and Inverarity, instructed by Messrs. Jefferson and Payne, appeared for Bai Shri Roopaliba, the plaintiff. The Advocate-General, with Mr. Ferguson, instructed by the Government Solicitor, appeared for the Secretary of State for India in Council, the first defendant; and Mr. Latham, with Mr. Farran, appeared for Raisingjee Shewsingjee, the second defendant.

The plaintiff sought to recover from the first defendant Government promissory notes amounting to the sum of Rs. 84,000 (or the market value thereof), belonging to the estate of the Maharana Ranmulsingji Bhagwatsingji, and now wrongfully and unlawfully withheld from her by the first defendant or his agents, together with the interest thereon received by the first defendant or his agents since the same were taken possession of by the first defendant or his agents, and also such other sums of money as may be found to be due from the first defendant to the plaintiff as administratrix and guardian of the estate and person of Ranmalsingji Bhagwatsingji on the taking of an account.

The Chief Justice, in giving the judgment of himself and Sir Charles Sargent, said that in this suit of Bai Shri Roopaliba against the Secretary of State for India and Raesingjee Shewsingjee, which was heard before himself and Sir Charles Sargent, the plaint was filed on the 2nd October 1873. (Reads from plaint.) His widow was pregnant at the time of the Thakore's death, and a son was born to her, and as guardian of such son she brought this suit, and as guardian only. The circumstances under which she brought the suit were these: Immediately after the Thakore's death, and by an order of the then Collector of Ahmedabad, the Government officers attached the deceased Thakore's property, by what law was not made clear to this Court; and for proceeds of estate which were under attachment, this suit was brought on behalf of Runmulsingjee. As to those proceeds his Lordship might now say there was no dispute. They had been invested in Government promissory notes and lodged in Court; and an additional sum of Rs. 1,743 had been lodged in the Government Savings' Bank. There were one or two items which Mr. Starling said were improperly charged and which were to be made the subject of enquiry, and perhaps the Advocate-General would now state what the result of the enquiry was.

The Advocate-General—There has been an enquiry. Rs. 233 were paid to the pleader, which we do not object being refunded to the plaintiff.

The Chief Justice said the plaintiff prayed not only that the estate should be restored to her, but that she should have an account of the receipts. That part of the prayer was abandoned, and now the suit remained only as concerned the Government promissory notes, the money in the Savings' Bank, Rs. 1,743, and this small sum of Rs. 233 mentioned by the Advocate-General. The Government officers busied themselves exceedingly in regard to the pregnancy of the plaintiff. The house was surrounded by a guard placed there by Government officers, but notwithstanding this and other precautions, the Government officers, especially Mr. Richey, did not seem to be satisfied, whatever they might be now; and they seemed to doubt the genuineness of the boy as the son of Roopaliba and of the deceased Thakore. The first defendant filed a written statement on the 8th October 1873, and it says—(Reads from written statement.) Subsequently the person named Raesingjee, who is said to be a kinsman of the late Thakore, and who put the Government officers in motion against Roopaliba and her son, was made a party to the suit under an order obtained from Mr. Justice Green, and eventually he filed a written statement on the 10th February 1874 (States the effect of written statement of Raesingjee.) He denied the jurisdiction of the Court, denied that there was a will, or that, if there was, it was inoperative: and he denied the birth of a posthumous child and that the present child was the rightful male heir to the deceased Thakore. The issues raised by the Advocate-General were (Reads them). Three issues were raised by Mr. Latham on behalf of the second defendant. (Reads them.) At that stage of the case, notwithstanding the allegations in the written statement of the defendant Raesingjee, no further issue was raised, and his learned counsel admitted that if the fifth issue was decided in favour of the plaintiff, it was immaterial if a supposititious child had been introduced, as he could not prove the introduction of a spurious child until 1872, before which the title of Roopaliba to the money had accrued. That was an admission of very great importance to the case, because in July, August, and September 1871, there were allegations made on behalf of Raesingjee that the alleged son of Roopaliba had died then and another son had been substituted, so that the story of the death of Runmulsingjee was, according to Mr. Latham's admission, premature by several months. Mr. Starling raised five issues. (Reads them.) There were three issues as to *res judicata*, and subsequently two more issues were raised. The issues as to jurisdiction were for convenience sake disposed of first and the Court gave a separate judgment and held that it had jurisdiction both as regarded the Secretary of State and Raesingjee. The questions of estoppel and *res judicata* were also taken and decided in the same separate judgment. The Court thought that, if they decided there was no *res judicata*, there would be brisk contest as to the genuineness of the boy, and yet they decided that the birth of the child was not *res judicata*, and that it was open to Raesingjee to reopen the question of the genuineness of the boy, notwithstanding that the judgment of Mr. Coghlan was against him on that point. But the counsel for Raesingjee, notwithstanding that the point had been briskly contested, gave it up and did not go into evidence against the genuineness of the boy, so that the plaintiff had a very easy task as to this part of the plaint. However, as the allegations in the written statement were not withdrawn and there was only a willingness to expunge them as impertinent, the Court allowed two further issues to be raised by Mr. Macpherson. (Reads notes as to raising those issues.) Neither of the defendants objected to the raising of those issues, although they gave no assent thereto. A number of witness were produced on behalf of the plaintiff, but the learned Advocate-General and the counsel for Raesingjee kept to their word not to cross-examine them. The plaintiff had, therefore, the field all to herself. His Lordship did not think that the evidence she gave was too prolix or that it went into too many details. The Court thought they had no right to say so, for Mr. Latham did not admit the boy's right or Roopaliba's right. What he did say was that they were not prepared to dispute the point as the plain ill would, as the boy's heir, be entitled to the monies, and so he would not contest her right to claim them. But Roopaliba was not suing as the boy's heir, but as his guardian; and the Court, therefore, allowed her to go into evidence to show that he was alive and had his being. That evidence, uncontradicted except by the written statement of Raesingjee, had shown that this boy is the son of the deceased Thakore born to her, that he is alive, and that the story of the substitution is not true. The only question that remained for the Court to decide was, who was to pay the costs of the suit? It was contended that neither defendant was liable, or was only partly liable. The reasons the Court gave for allowing the plaintiff to go into evidence showed that the plaintiff was not unreasonable in prolonging the suit to the extent it was prolonged. She did no more than she was entitled to do. The Court had then to consider what necessitated the suit—who compelled her to bring the suit? From the beginning Government, as represented by their officers, had been her active opponents. One most extraordinary circumstance was that, after a long contest in the Courts, Government, through their officers, requested the Judge at Ahmedabad to revoke the certificate; and the Judge was weak enough and ill-advised enough to suspend it. His order was appealed against and this Court reversed it, inasmuch as the Judge at Ahmedabad had no authority to suspend it. Furthermore, there was a hue and cry throughout the country raised through the officers of Government to destroy this woman's credit, in order to prevent her fighting her own and her son's battles. That was a very extraordinary course for the Government officers to pursue. His Lordship did not mean to say that every item of their conduct was sanctioned by Government; but the Court must hold the Government responsible for the acts of their officers. For instance the application of Mr. Borrodaile to the Judge at Ahmedabad to revoke the certificate was a most ill-advised application, which was most improperly granted. After Mr. Francis Melvill's judgment, Government made over the Koth estate to Roopaliba. They had ordinarily come to a resolution to make it over

prehended, was almost entirely avoided by Sir Stafford Northcote. It was evident the Ministry could not help doing something to relieve Local Taxation, and yet what could they do that would not be mischievous? If the time had permitted the development of a plan of local re-organization, certain items of Imperial taxation might have been transfered to local bodies in aid of the charges upon them, but, as Sir Stafford Northcote admitted, nothing of the kind can be attempted until next year. The alternative was to assume as Imperial charges some of expenses of the local government; but this involved the danger of intrusting to local bodies the administration of funds provided at the cost of the Exchequer. It is quite true, as Sir Stafford Northcote argued, that Local Boards, such as the Visiting Justices, do now administer funds provided by other Boards, such as Guardians of the Poor, to whom they are not directly responsible; but Visiting Justices are substantial ratepayers in the country themselves, and, as was proved in the well-known instance of that admirable county member who lost his seat because he was erroneously supposed to have been extravagant as a Visiting Justice, they are very substantially under the influence of their neighbours. But it must be admitted that the present proposals of Sir Stafford Northcote avoid the danger that we feared. In offering to make a fixed allowance of 4s. per head per week towards the expense of Pauper Lunatics he does not relax the motives of Justices to pursue economy, and the only point to be watched is a possibly growing tendency on the part of Guardians to shift paupers whose intellects are not of the brightest, but who have not hitherto been classed as Lunatics, from their own workhouses to County Asylums. The second boon to local taxpayers, in the alteration of the charge of the County Police borne by the Imperial Exchequer from a quarter to a half, will leave the guarantees of economy quite unimpaired. As provisional arrangements, the proposals of the Chancellor of the Exchequer may be accepted without reserve, and if the general scheme of next year be found in any degree faulty, it will not be from any want of intelligence in Sir Stafford Northcote as to the errors to be avoided. Nothing was more apparent throughout his speech than the candour with which he acknowledged the force of all the arguments that could be adduced on all sides upon any question. He did not evade any difficulty on any subject, but gave each the benefit of a fair examination and of a thorough statement. There was yet another thing from which he did not shrink. In referring to Mr. Gladstone's anticipations of the Surplus in January he did not stint his expressions of respect for Mr. Gladstone's genius and authority, but spoke of the late Prime Minister with all the warmth and admiration that might be expected from the memory of their former relations.

DR. LIVINGSTONE.

Sir William Fergusson has addressed the following letter to the *Lancet* as to the examination and verification of the body of Dr. Livingstone:—

"Within the last few months many have hesitated to believe that Livingstone was dead. Above all, it seemed beyond ordinary probability that his remains would have been brought from Central Africa to the heart of London. That a body was on its way from this all but mythical region could hardly be doubted after the examination at Zanzibar of the remains; but many were sceptical as to the dead frame being that of Livingstone. Happily, it was borne in mind by many old friends, that he had one condition of body which would mark the identification of his remains even if years and years had elapsed. If it should be proved on anatomical examination, the remains of an old ununited fracture in his left humerus (arm bone) could be recognized, all doubt on the subject would be settled at once and for ever. It has fallen to my lot to have the honour of being selected to make the crucial examination to this end, and I have accordingly performed that duty. From what I have seen I am much impressed with the ingenious manner in which those who have contrived to secure that the body should be carried through the long distance from where Livingstone died until it could reach a place where transit was comparatively easy accomplished their task. The lower limbs were so severed from the trunk that the length of the bulk of the package was reduced to a little over 4ft. The soft tissues seem to have been removed to a great extent from the bones, and these latter were so disposed that by doubling and otherwise the shortening was accomplished. The abdominal viscera were absent, and so were those of the chest, including, of course, heart and lungs. There had been made a large opening in front of the abdomen, and through that the native operators had ingeniously contrived to remove the contents of the chest as well as of the abdomen. The skin over chest, sternum, and ribs had been untouched. Before these points were clearly ascertained, some coarse tapes had to be loosened, which set free some rough linen material—a striped coloured bit of cotton cloth, such as might have been an attractive material for the natives among whom Livingstone travelled—a coarse cotton shirt, which doubtless belonged to the traveller's scanty wardrobe, and in particular a large portion of the bark of a tree, which had formed the principal part of the package—the case thereof, no doubt. The skin of the trunk, from the pelvis to the crown of the head, had been untouched. Everywhere was that shrivelling which might have been expected after salting, baking in the sun, and eleven months of time. The features of the face could not be recognized. The hair on the scalp was plentiful, and much longer than he wore it when last in England. A moustache could not be recognized, but whiskers were in abundance. The forehead was in shape such as we are familiar with from memory, and from the pictures and busts now extant. The circumference of the cranium, from the occiput to the brow, was 23½ in., which was recognized by some present to be in accordance with such measurements when alive. In particular the arms attracted attention. They lay as if placed in ordinary fashion, each down by the side. The skin and tissues under were on each side shrunk almost to skeleton bulk, and at a glance to practised eyes—there were five, I may say six, professional men present—the state of the left arm was such as to convince every one present who had examined it during life that the limb was Livingstone's. Exactly in the region of the attachment of the deltoid to the humerus there were the indications of an oblique fracture. On moving the arm there were the indications of the ununited fracture. A closer investigation and dissection displayed the false joint which had long ago been so well recognized by those who had examined the arm in former days. The Rev. Dr. Moffat, and in particular Dr. Kirk, late of Zanzibar, and Dr. Loudon, of Hamilton, in Scotland, at once recognized the condition. Having myself been consulted regarding the state of the limb when Livingstone was last in London, I was convinced that the remains of the great traveller lay before us. Thousands of heads with a like large circumference might have been under similar scrutiny; the skeletons of hundreds of thousands might have been so; the humerus in each might have been perfect; if one or both had been broken during life it would have united again in such a manner that a tyro could easily have detected the peculiarity. The condition of ununited fracture in this locality is exceedingly rare. I say this from my personal professional experience, and that such a specimen should have turned up in London from the centre of Africa, excepting in the body of Dr. Livingstone, where it was known by competent authorities to have existed, is beyond human credibility. It must not be supposed by those who are not professionally acquainted with this kind of lesion—which often causes so much interest to the practical surgeon—that a fracture and new joint of the kind now referred to could have been of recent date or made for a purpose. There were in reality all the indications which the experienced pathologist recognizes as infallible, such as the attenuated condition of the two great fragments (common under such circumstances), and the semblance of a new joint, but actually there was a small fragment detached from the others, which bore out Livingstone's own view that the bones had been "crunched into splinters." Having had ample opportunity of examining the arm during life, and conversing with Livingstone on the subject, and being one of those who entertained hopes that the last reports of Livingstone's death might, like others, prove false, I approached the examination with an anxious feeling, regarding this great and most peculiar crucial test. The first glance at the left arm set my mind at rest, and that, with the further examination, made me as positive as to the identity of these remains as that there has been among us in modern times one of the greatest men of the human race—David Livingstone."

The remains of Dr. Livingstone arrived at Southampton on Wednesday in the Malwa. The steamer was expected to reach England on Monday, but was detained by bad weather. As soon as she was seen off Hurst Castle a steam-tug went out to meet her, with Admiral Hall, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Oswell Livingstone, Mr. Webb, and the Rev. Horace Waller on board. When the party boarded the Malwa the first person seen was Jacob Wainright, the faithful attendant of Dr. Livingstone. He recognized Mr. Stanley at once, and taking off his cap saluted that gentleman, and then grasped him warmly by the hand. He was questioned very closely by Mr. Stanley, to whom he gave an interesting account of Livingstone's journey and death, and the subsequent journey to the coast. Dr. Price, who educated Jacob in Bombay, met and recognized him on board. Mr. Thomas Livingstone was on board, having come from Egypt, and joined the ship at Aden. The coffin containing the body of the great traveller lay in the mail-room covered with the flag of the ship's company, while Lascars stood around holding the Union Jack. Owing to the Malwa being short of coal she went, contrary to expectation, direct into the docks, but it was determined nevertheless to carry out the programme originally agreed upon. The coffin was transferred from the Malwa in the dock, and placed on board another steamer, the Queen. As it was hoisted up, enshrouded by the Union Jack, every one on board uncovered. The Queen then proceeded to the Royal Pier, where the body was taken on shore, placed in a hearse, and conveyed to the railway station, escorted by a procession containing representatives of the public bodies in the town, clergymen and ministers of various denominations, members of the Geographical Society, members of Parliament, &c. As the procession moved through the streets, minute guns were fired from the Platform Battery, the bells of the various churches rang muffled peals, and the band of the 1st Hants Volunteer Engineers played the Dead March in "Saul." The whole route, which took in the High-street and several main thoroughfares, and was a full mile in length, was lined with people, every balcony crowded, and almost every window occupied, save where the blinds were drawn down. Nearly all the shops were closed. At the station, a special train was ready, and the remains arrived at Waterloo Station shortly after three o'clock. The body was conveyed to the rooms of the Royal Geographical Society in Savile row, where an examination was made by Sir William Fergusson, in the presence of Dr. Kirk, Dr. Loudon, of Hamilton, a former friend and professional attendant; the Rev. Dr. Moffat, the Rev. Horace Waller, and Mr. F. Webb, of Newstead Abbey. The remains were much decomposed, but the condition of the left arm bone, in which there had been an ununited fracture, the result of the bite of a lion over thirty years ago, was so clear that the identity of the body was placed beyond doubt. The funeral is to take place in Westminster Abbey on Saturday. The spot selected for the grave is in the central line of the nave, exactly half-way between the western doors and the choir. Dr. Livingstone's family, it appears, are left in actual distress through his death, and a public subscription on their behalf is proposed by Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the Duke of Sutherland, Lord Kinnaird, Sir Bartle Frere, and others. Money may be paid to Messrs. Ransome, Bouverie, and Co., and the London and Westminster Bank, to the credit of the "Livingstone Testimonial Fund." At Edinburgh a public meeting has been held, at which it was resolved to erect a statue to Dr. Livingstone, after the design of Mrs. D. O. Hill, which was favourably noticed in the Academy last year.

LIVINGSTONE'S LAST DAYS.

The following letter from Mr. Holmwood, of H. M. Consulate at Zanzibar, giving an interesting account of the last days of Livingstone, has been read at the Royal Geographical Society:—

"Majwara's Account of the Last Days of Dr. Livingstone. By F. Holmwood, H.B.M. Consulate, Zanzibar.

"Zanzibar, March 12th, 1874.

"My dear Sir Bartle—No doubt you will hear from several interested in Dr. Livingstone; but, as I do not feel sure that any one has thoroughly examined the men who came down with his remains, I briefly summarise what I have been able to glean from a careful cross-examination of Majwara, who was always at his side during his last days, and Susi, as well as the Nassick boys, have generally confirmed what he says. I enclose a small sketch map, merely giving my idea of the locality, and have added a dotted line to show his route during this last journey of his life.

"The party sent by Stanley left Unyanyembe with the Doctor about the end of August, 1872, and marched straight to the south of Lake Tanganyika, through Ufipa, crossing the Rungwa River, where they met with natural springs of boiling water, bubbling up high above the ground. On reaching the Chambezi, or Kambezi, River, they crossed it about a week's journey from Lake Bemba, also crossing a large feeder; but by Susi's advice, Livingstone again turned northward, and recrossed the Kambezi, or Luapula, as he then called it, just before it entered the lake.

"He could not, however, keep close to the north shore of Lake Bemba, owing to the numerous creeks and streams, which were hidden in forests of high grass and rushes. After making a detour, he again struck the lake at a village, where he got canoes across to an island in the centre, called Matipa. Here the shores on either hand were not visible, and the Doctor was put to great straits by the natives declining to let him use their canoes to cross to the opposite shore. He therefore seized seven canoes by force, and when the natives made a show of resistance, he fired his pistol over their heads, after which they ceased to obstruct him. Crossing the lake diagonally, he arrived in a long valley, and, the rains having now set in fully, the caravan had to wade, rather than walk, constantly crossing blind streams, and, in fact, owing to the high rushes and grass, hardly being able to distinguish at times the land, or rather what was generally dry land, from the lake.

"Dr. Livingstone had been weak and ailing since leaving Unyanyembe, and when passing through the country of Ukabende, at the south-west of the lake, he told Majwara (the boy given him by Stanley, who is now in my service) that he felt unable to go on with his work, but should try and cross the hills to Katanga [Katanda?] and there rest, endeavouring to buy ivory, which in all this country is very cheap (three yards of merikani buying a slave or a tusk), and returning to Ujiji through Manyuema to recruit and reorganise.

"But as he approached the northern part of Bisa (a very large country), arriving in the Province of Ulala he first had to take to riding a donkey, and then suffer himself to be carried on a kitanda (native bedstead) which at first went much against the grain.

"During this time he never allowed the boy Majwara to leave him, and he then told that faithful and honest fellow that he should never cross the high hills to Katanda.

"He called for Susi, and asked how far it was to the Lunpula, and, on his answering 'three days,' remarked, 'he should never see his river again.'

"On arriving at Ilala, the capital of the district where Kitambo the sultan lived, the party were refused permission to stay, and they carried Livingstone three hours' march back towards Kabende. Here they erected for him a rude hut and fence, and he would not allow any to approach him for the remaining days of his life except Majwara and Susi, except that every morning they were all desired to come to the door and say 'good morning.'

"During these few days he was in great pain, and could keep nothing, even for a moment, on his stomach. He lost his sight so far as hardly to be able to distinguish when a light was kindled, and gradually sank during the night of the 4th May, 1873.

"Only Majwara was present when he died, and he is unable to say when he ceased to breathe.

"Susi, hearing that he was dead, told Jacob Wainwright to make a note in the doctor's diary of the things found by him. Wainwright was not quite certain as to the day of the month, and as Susi told him the doctor had last written the day before, and he found this entry to be dated 27th April, he wrote 28th April; but on comparing his own diary on arrival at Unyanyembe, he found it to be the 4th of May; and this is confirmed by Majwara, who says Livingstone was unable to write for the last four or five days of his life. I fancy the spot where Livingstone died is about 11°25 deg. S and 27 deg. E.; but, of course, the whole of this is subject to correction, and, although I have spent many hours in finding it all out, the Doctor's diary may show it to be very imperfect.

"I fear you will find this a very unconnected narration, but my apology must be that the Consul-General is not well, and the other Assistant absent on duty, and there is much work for me to do. Mr. Arthur Laing has been entrusted with the charge of the remains and diaries, which latter he has been instructed to hand to Lord Derby.

"Trusting that you are in the enjoyment of good health, and with great respect—Believe me, dear Sir Bartle, your most obedient servant,

"Frederick Holmwood.

"To the Right Hon. Sir Bartle Frere, K.C.B. G.C.S.I, &c., &c, President of the Royal Geographical Society."

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On the 14th April a terrible explosion occurred at the Astley deep pit, Dukinfield, Aston-under-Lyne, worked by the Kirk Coal Company. This pit is the second deepest in England. Some datallers were spragging the defective roof of an arch tunnel, which served as a main air road to the northern workings, when a large slip of earth occurred. A great quantity of gas was given off at the moment, and exploded with fearful force on the lamps of the datallers. The tunnel was blocked up several yards, and the blast of the explosion swept like a whirlwind down the workings. Only one of the datallers escaped uninjured; the others were seriously scorched, and the engineer was dragged out dead. Thirteen of those further in the workings escaped immediately along a return air way, all others on that side were imprisoned till the morning; bands of explorers worked during the night. In the morning a number was brought out alive, but 30 dead bodies have been found, and it is feared there may be more. Two of the injured have been removed to the infirmary, where one died. Most of the injured are terribly burned.

(From a Correspondent.)

Manchester, Wednesday.

The Astley deep pit near Dukinfield, in this neighbourhood, has been the scene of a fearful calamity. Last night a fall of the roof disengaged a large accumulation of gas, which, on coming in contact with the naked lights used by the miners, exploded, killing about fifty men and boys, and injuring many others. The Astley mine is well known throughout England as being, with the single exception of the Rosebridge Colliery at Wigan, the deepest in the country, the downcast shaft being 2,151 feet deep, and the working extending north and south for 1,000 yards respectively. The pit gives employment usually to four hundred men and boys, working alternately on the night and day shifts. On Tuesday afternoon the night shift men began to go into the pit at three o'clock, and it is believed that about 150 men were in the workings when the disaster occurred. The exact spot where the accident happened is known as the Engine Brow, where a gang of six or seven men were employed in repairing the roof, which had suffered from fire some time ago. The service was not considered one of special danger, inasmuch as all traces of the whole mishap had disappeared; but between eight and nine o'clock last night, as the workmen proceeded, they discovered that a part of the roof was getting loosened, and before they could escape, a large fall took place. No extensive slip of this kind can happen in any coal mine without a quantity of gas liberated sufficient to overcharge the best possible system of ventilation, and the gas given off in the present instance appears to have been of an exceedingly large volume. It had scarcely spread or mixed with the air of the mine when an explosion took place. The men, who had become conscious of its presence, had barely time to run a few yards towards the bottom of the shaft when they were suddenly impelled on their way by the terrific force of the explosion, and those nearest the actual seat of the disaster were thus singularly enough saved from its danger. The shaft descends at a gradient of about nine inches to the foot. In the Engine Brow there were between fifty and sixty men working, and by the fall of the roof and the explosion they were imprisoned, the passage to the mouth of the pit being blocked up. All was darkness, and the men found themselves in a position of utter helplessness. The colliers in the other parts of the pit, alarmed at the explosion, rushed to the only means of escape that presented itself to the terror-stricken multitude—the shaft. They knew the meaning of the report, and they judged that something dreadful had happened. Ninety-one men and boys were safely brought to the pit mouth. Before midnight two others were landed, one of whom was a poor fellow, who presented a shocking spectacle. He was so burnt and scorched that the skin was falling from his body. His intense sufferings were eedily ended by death. A miner, named Carr, was also brought to the Ashton Infirmary, where every attention was paid to him. Two others were snatched rom the jaws of death at the same time. Mr. James Hilton, the manager, descended the pit immediately after the explosion, accompanied by a number of volunteers ready to risk their lives in the hope of saving any of the poor imprisoned miners. Of the sixty men and boys whose retreat was soon rendered more hopeless than before by the outbreak of a fire at the stables near the mouth of the Engine Brow Tunnel, a few groped their passage through the return airway, and were ultimately brought to bank entirely uninjured. Three of them were brothers named Crosby. They arrived at the top about half-past nine, and it is supposed that when the explosion occurred they were in the immediate neighbourhood of the return airway. Fortunately the shafting was not damaged in the least, so that there was no delay in rendering all the assistance that could be afforded under the circumstances. When a disaster of this kind occurs, those on the spot find enough work on their hands without devoting themselves to spreading the evil tidings, and it was some hours after the explosion took place before it was known in the villages near. But when the news got wing it flew with speed, and brought an anxious crowd to the pit head which soon presented the sad sight too familiar to dwellers in some of our colliery districts.

An eye-witness says: "Now and then a disconsolate mother with her baby at her breast might be heard exclaiming in piteous accents, with tears rolling down her cheeks, 'Oh, my poor lad! Oh, my poor lad!' and it was impossible for any one to afford her the slightest ray of comfort, the general belief being that not one of those imprisoned in the workings would see light of day alive. With daybreak there was a stream of people, many of them, judging by their tears, relatives of the men in the pit, wending their way to the scene of the catastrophe; for it was not expected on the previous night that any of the bodies would be recovered before morning. All through the dismal night the cages were descending the shaft, either with relays of volunteers or with tubs of bricks and mortar and bratticing to do the work necessary before the men could be reached. The tubs which came up were either filled with exhausted workers or black slimy dirt, and the invariable answer of the wearied toilers was that nothing could be known except that as they moved the fallen *debris* more was falling further inwards and the flames extending. Then it was stated that the body of the engineer, Mr. Hartshorn, had been found, but would not be brought up for several hours. At 3-15 a.m. Mr. Hilton, the manager, who had been in the pit all night with a slight intermission, ever since the explosion, came to the surface and held a conversation in the engine-house with the manager of the Lordsfield Colliery, and others. He had no hope to hold out, and the painful state of his feelings was visible in his countenance to every one. He was evidently of the same mind as one of the men who had been conspicuously active at an early stage, and who said, 'It's a thousand to nothing that no one will come up alive.'

"At five o'clock the exploring party re-ascended the shaft, and reported that they had discovered some of the men alive in the cannel tunnel, but they had not been to rescue them, as their means of egress were cut off by the mass of *debris*. Subsequently eight men were got out alive in this part of the workings; and as the exploring party proceeded in their search they found that in all forty-eight men and boys had been killed by the explosion, and a great many injured. Most of the injured were removed to Ashton Infirmary. Though the explorers reported at nine o'clock this morning that they believed they had discovered the bodies of all the missing men, it was found impossible, owing to the roads being blocked, for them to be got out for some time. About one o'clock in the afternoon the ways were so far cleared as to enable the bodies to be brought to the bottom of the shaft, and then they were raised to the surface as speedily as possible, the arrival of each blackened and disfigured corpse being marked by harrowing scenes among the relatives of the deceased as they recognised father, husband, or son in the dead. A hayshed in the pit-yard served the purposes of a mortuary, and in it the corpses were laid out in dismal rows. By four o'clock forty-three of the dead had been brought out, and it was known that five others remained in the pit, but as the fire was raging in a part of the workings, the Governors' Inspectors recommended that no attempt should be made to bring out those bodies until the fire was subdued. The injured number sixteen, of whom three died after removal to the infirmary, making the total number of deaths fifty-one.—*The Empire.*

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